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Cuts to be delayed

by Rory Clarke

The Senate recommended to the Board of Governors yesterday that all appointments which weren't renewed due to budget cuts be reinstated for one year. These cases will be reviewed during the year by a Senate committee which will be set up early next year. Final decisions on the cuts will be made December 15, 1975.

Much of the discussion centred around the administration's alleged by-passing of official procedures in making budget cut decisions, and the effect of such cuts on the quality of McGill's education.

Professor Phillip Harris, McGill Association of University Teachers (MAUT) said that neither the MAUT nor Senate had been consulted before making the cuts, even though Senate is supposed to be the "senior academic body." "Because these procedures haven't been covered, contracts should be renewed," he said.

Principal Bell replied that "It's not true that procedures haven't been followed...we're not as arbitrary as we're painted to be.

The procedures followed this year are not different from those of any other year."

He went on to say that it was difficult to identify the reasons why faculty was let go, but cited the close interaction of budget guidelines, different interests of the professors and assessment of their work as the prime reasons. He also said that the deans of faculties control their own budgets—administration authorities can't order faculties to instigate cuts.

Vice-Principal Elgil Pedersen said that "no dean should have been surprised. The budget was based on a very predictable schedule, and was directly related to faculty enrollment."

Harris said that the Education faculty's case was clear-cut however. The committee on tenure and promotions, he said, decided faculty cuts before budget cuts were announced. He said that the deans of each faculty knew why professors in their faculties were released and should tell the Senate these reasons.

Vice-Principal Yaffe cited the real problem as "lack of communication between the dean and staff members"

because the correct procedures had been followed but had not been relayed properly.

Mr. MacDougal (Board of Governors representative) said that during the debate the number of faculty which were directly affected by the cuts was never brought out. The number of professors being discussed, he said, ranged from zero to four, but no one seemed to know the exact number. Also, he said, the peculiar discrepancy that existed between the projected financial deficit and the achieved surplus of the last few years would lead one to re-evaluate methods of budgeting other than laying off faculty.

Dean Vogel said the fact that Senate hadn't been informed of the academic aspects of budget cuts was the fault of the Senate, which appointed a committee to examine this problem. This committee didn't do its job—it didn't ask the kinds of questions which needed to be asked. He said that promises by the government to treat us equally with other Quebec universities have not been realized. "We have waited since 1963," he said, "but now we are fed up with being badly treated and discriminated against." He said that the student-faculty ratio has risen from 1.14 to 1.18 in the past couple of years. The Arts and Science faculties, he said, have more than 50 per cent of the students but they have less than 40 per cent of the budget.

Professor Maxwell (History) said that "if we continue to take this discrimination, the quality of university education will suffer.

To Board of Governors member G. Johnston's request that accusations of discrimination be phrased less abrasively, Professor Norton (Philosophy) commented, "You see what effect you have when you say 'please' all the time—none."



Mark Sandford

Students march

by Larry Black

More than 3000 CEGEP students from the Montreal area marched yesterday evening to show their unity against the Ministry of Education's handling of student loans and bursaries. After jamming rush-hour traffic at two major intersections, the protesters congregated in Viger Square where representatives of student organizations presented proposals for continued co-operation among students to deal with other grievances.

CEGEPs across the province last week were striking to protest the government's delays in sending out student loans and bursaries which are critical to the continuation of many students' studies. They demanded a review of the entire

student financial aid system, citing many examples of questionable regulations in the selection of applicants.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Francois Cloutier, has refused to consider any change in the loan system and has threatened striking students with loss of their first term credits if they do not return to classes.

According to a Dawson College student, "the government has tried to separate English and French speaking students by encouraging the language barrier between us. But now we—students, professors, workers, French and English—are in the same boat." "Cloutier," said another student from CEGEP Vieux Montreal, "wishes to demobilize students."

Election results

Senate:

Engineering: 16% turnout (166 of 1,038 eligible)

Haboucha, Soly (elected)	106
Shara, Len	58
Spoiled	2
Total	166

Medicine: 12% turnout (72 of 594 eligible)

Ambrose, Linda (elected)	57
Shepherd, Robert	15
Spoiled	0
Total	72

Science: 7% turnout (192 of 2,904 eligible)

Garber, Peter (elected)	106
Inhaber, Phillip	50
Mongeon, Marcel	32
Spoiled	4
Total	192

Council:

Arts: 4% turnout (170 of 3,907)

Campbell, Bruce (elected)	61
Hendery, Campbell (elected)	61
Fogel, Debra	42
Spoiled	6
Total	170

ATTENTION ALL DAILY STAFFERS

Come to Happy Hour at 5 pm in the Daily office today for a refreshing discussion about the paper. Afterwards you can visit Gertrude.

Sun to vanish

by David H. Levy

To whatever mythological portents Friday the thirteenth offers, tomorrow will provide one more: a partial eclipse of the sun.

Although nearly all of North America will experience a partial solar eclipse (nowhere will it be total), Montreal is one of the prime locations. At maximum eclipse, almost three quarters of the sun will be covered by the new moon.

The eclipse will begin at 9:29 tomorrow morning. During the next hour and a half more and more of the sun will be obscured. Maximum eclipse, when 70.7 percent of the sun

will be blocked out, occurs at 10:59 am, and the eclipse ends at 12:33 pm.

During this time the Montreal Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada will have a telescope set up in front of the

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The Volume is making its weekly appearance today.

"WILL THE REAL BUGGER PLEASE STAND UP?"



Aislin on show

by David H. Levy

Terry Mosher, known as Aislin, would have been an unlikely candidate for a political cartoonist in the mid-sixties when he was working on the McGill Daily staff, or when he was a member of the editorial co-operative that founded the *Last Post*. But in 1968 he started to draw cartoons for various publications, and only two years later, he won first prize at the International Salon of Cartoons at Man and His World.

Aislin's cartoons veer away from the traditional artsy mode that most newspaper cartoonists use. His work is intense and strikes its viewers like a lightning bolt.

His grotesque visions of familiar political figures have earned him biting criticism from an otherwise unexcitable populace. His cartoon on Queen Elizabeth's '73 visit, got howls of protest—a record number of letters for any single cartoon in

the *Gazette*. His captions are devastating complements to the cartoons: he pictures Mitchell Sharp justifying our peace-keeping force with "How, we asked ourselves, do we keep these damned Vietnamese amused?"; and under a cartoon portraying three faces of Richard Nixon, he asks "Will the real bugger please stand up?"

Aislin's exhibition of original cartoons will be on display at 1421 Crescent Street, near Ste. Catherine, until Christmas Day. According to Darrell Dickie, a manager of the exhibition, Aislin plans to assume his real name of Terry Mosher beginning next year. At the same time, he plans to satirize sports figures. "It's a shame" Darrell says, "when you satirize a political figure to death, and then find next day that the nice guy wants copies of the cartoon. Sports figures are much more hardheaded. They'll be his next line of attack."

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Arts Building. The sun's image will be projected from this telescope onto a small screen for everyone to watch.

Observing by projection is the safest way to watch an eclipse. Because of the reduced light intensity, your eyes do not "stop down" enough to block dangerous infra-red rays that could blind you. If you must look at the sun directly, use No. 12 or 17 welder's glasses or at least two layers of completely exposed black and white film.

Eclipses of the sun occur when the moon places itself on the line between sun and earth. Although they occur quite frequently, a total eclipse can be seen only from a very narrow band along the earth's surface. The last total eclipse of the sun visible in Canada occurred on

July 10, 1972, and the next one will not come this way until February 1979.

Chinese astrologers were the first to discover the saros cycle that eclipses tend to follow, and this finding enabled them to predict eclipses accurately. The saros cycle means that each eclipse repeats itself every eighteen years and ten days. The eclipses of '72, '74 and '79 just mentioned are part of three different saros series. The last eclipse in tomorrow's saros occurred as a smaller partial eclipse on December 2, 1956, and the next will be an eclipse of greater magnitude on December 23, 1992, but a total eclipse in this saros will not happen until May 16, 2227.

Friday's celestial event will actually be a double feature. After the sun sets the night will bring the maximum of the Germinid meteor shower. Under a good country sky, you may be able to see as many as fifty meteors per hour.



Paul Miller

Chinese-American citizens Catherine and Suzanne Yeh describe their experiences as "barefoot doctors" in China at a meeting sponsored by the Belhune Memorial Society and CUSO.

Inspired by the Cultural Revolution, the sisters left school and went to work one in the country and the other in a factory in order to see if the people "loved socialism" as they had been taught in school. For both women, the experience reconfirmed their belief in the system which is dedicated to its citizens.

La marine chilienne..

The following appeal was submitted to the Daily by members of the Movimiento Accion Popular Unitaria.

En ce moment, on réalise un procès secret dans la Marine chilienne. Des informations reçues du Chili nous indiquent qu'il existe plusieurs peines de mort. Le secret et le silence avec lequel opère la Marine du Chili a pour objectif d'empêcher que l'opinion publique internationale sauve la vie des condamnés à mort, comme elle a sauvé la vie des condamnés à mort lors du procès de la Force Aérienne du Chili (FACH) il y a quelques mois.

Les accusés sont des marins et des sous-officiers de la Marine (plus d'une centaine selon les dernières estimations). Mais de quoi les accuse-t-on? Vers le milieu de l'année 1973, des dirigeants de la gauche chilienne: Carlos Altamirano, secrétaire général du Parti Socialiste, Miguel Enriquez, secrétaire général du MIR et Oscar Garretón,

secrétaire général du MAPU reçurent un appel d'un groupe de marins qui voulaient leur donner les informations sur ce qui se passait dans la Marine. Lors d'une réunion, ils indiquèrent avec des noms, des dates et des endroits les préparatifs du coup d'état dans la Marine. Ceux-ci manifestèrent leur opposition au coup d'état et affirmèrent leur volonté et celle de la grande majorité des marins et des sous-officiers de défendre le gouvernement populaire.

Quelques jours plus tard, les officiers réactionnaires de la Marine les arrêtaient et les soumettaient aux tortures les plus cruelles. Face à la situation dans la Marine, une des plus gigantesques campagnes de solidarité se fit jour au Chili. A travers tout le Chili, les organisations ouvrières, de quartier, paysannes se mobilisèrent pour défendre les torturés qui étaient des soldats qui appuyaient les travailleurs. A partir du 11 septembre 1973, on n'a plus de nouvelles d'eux.

Les officiers séditieux de la Marine veulent aujourd'hui

utiliser ce procès pour donner une leçon exemplaire aux membres de la Marine. En effet, le corps des officiers de la Marine, le plus réactionnaire des Forces Armées, savait et sait que la majorité des marins qui sont sur les bateaux de guerre appuyaient le gouvernement populaire. Cela est tellement vrai, que jusqu'à aujourd'hui, ils ont pu seulement utiliser l'Infanterie de Marine (Marines) pour la répression et la torture, mais jamais l'équipage des bateaux.

Aujourd'hui il faut exiger que soient connus publiquement les procès et les condamnations. Il est nécessaire que toutes les personnes et les organisations de solidarité et populaires réclament la libération immédiate des marins et des civils Pacheco et Luna, détenus avec eux, en envoyant des télégrammes à l'ONU, au gouvernement canadien et à la Junte militaire chilienne. La solidarité a déjà donné de bons résultats dans les cas de Carmen Castillo et du procès de la FACH.

L'opinion mondiale a maintenant la parole.

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Letters

Fogel on exploitation

To the Daily:

I find myself once again in the difficult position of being accused of racism by people who do not know me. My article did state that Mr. Rossi was the gentleman of the key rattling incident. Unfortunately, I was misinformed. I was told that he was the only relief for the Arts Building porter. However, I have since discovered that a different person, invariably a cleaner, does the job each Saturday. Although I cannot name my source in print, anyone who wishes to talk to him can contact me, and I will introduce them to him.

However, I wish to reiterate, I do not hate or resent persons of specific ethnic backgrounds for their inability to speak English. I do blame Buildings and Grounds for hiring people with an insufficient knowledge of social legislation, job descriptions, etc., in order to exploit them and put them in an awkward position.

Debra Fogel

Iranian students attack their government

To the Daily:

The Prime Minister of Iran, Amir Abbas Hoveyda, made an appearance in Ottawa yesterday and Iranian students demonstrated against his visit to protest Iran's totalitarian regime. The Prime Minister is appearing at the Centre for Islamic Studies tomorrow at 4 pm. The Iranian Students' Association urges all students to show up at his talk.

All this week, the Canadian media has been talking about the visit of Iranian Prime Minister Hoveyda to Ottawa. But it has ignored the miserable living conditions of 30 million Iranian men, women and children under the thumb of the P.M.'s boss — the Shah of Iran.

The facts are nothing short of shocking. The Shah's so-called "White Revolution" of 1962 was supposed to eliminate illiteracy in six years. But today, official statistics place the illiteracy rate at 70 per cent. Forty per cent of Iranian children cannot go to primary school, and 100,000 high school graduates have been waiting for years for a place in a university. While unemployment skyrockets and the young people's energies are wasted, the Shah gives gifts to American universities —

George Washington University got \$1 million.

The annual revenue of a peasant family is only \$125. With only one doctor per 80,000 inhabitants, contagious diseases are rampant and infant mortality rates reach 50 per cent. Instead of allocating money to improve these conditions, the government pours millions into armaments to strengthen Iran's role as policeman for western interests in the Persian Gulf region. More than half of the national budget is eaten up by military expenditures.

The political atmosphere in Iran resembles that of South Vietnam, the Philippines or Brazil. There are 40,000 official political prisoners who are subjected to all sorts of tortures and brutal treatment. In 1972, executions reaches a pace of two per week. SAVAK, a sweeping police organization, spies over the people and keeps down any protesters. There is no freedom of speech or association in Iran.

Such inequalities and repression has, understandably not gone unanswered. Protest against the Shah has multiplied in recent years. A peaceful strike five months ago for wage hikes of a few cents a day was met with the killing of 13 workers. Similarly, transport workers on strike saw their chosen negotiating delegate seized by the SAVAK, tortured and eventually killed. Although numerous attempts are made to squash revolt, the Shah's forces are continually faced with popular unrest against a regime which so blatantly serves foreign masters.

The Pentagon has contributed millions of dollars to prop up the Shah, and ensure his efficiency as guardian of western interests in the region. What is needed is the overthrow of the Shah.

Iranian Students Association.

McGill blots identity

To the Daily:

I graduated from McGill with a B.A. in 1965, and with an Education specialization from MacDonald in 1966 — eons ago! At any rate I graduated having been thoroughly confused and brainwashed by Canadian culture and by its educational institutions about a very important subject — me! As a female growing up in Canada through the 50's and 60's there was simply no choice.

Something restive in me convinced me after a year of teaching at Montreal High that surely there might be more I could achieve. So I came to UCLA and studied documentary film and journalism. And joined a women's consciousness-raising group and....and of course those dots might be completed in many letters to the Editor of Ms. Magazine...

As you might imagine, I have long forgotten McGill, which left a slightly bitter aftertaste. No one encouraged me to explore my horizons while I was

at McGill. And the McGill Society here in LA seems wedded to the old roles for women too, so I have not joined.

But somewhere I have always hoped that something would happen at McGill to give women new chances, new horizons. Surely, I thought, by 1974 something MUST have changed. Canada cannot be that much of a backwater...or can it?

But alas, today I received a letter to alumnae from Principal Bell — addressed to Mrs. Larry Saltzman. Now Larry Saltzman, my dear husband and an active feminist, has never been East of Chicago — so he has no interest whatsoever in McGill. The supposed complement to his masculinity implied in "Mrs. Larry Saltzman" was utterly lost on him. But what of my feelings? Here is my "Alma Mater" which has utterly obliterated my identity — my name! Where was "Buzzell", the proud Canadian name I wear? And where oh where is poor Linda? Disappeared, it seems, as far as McGill is concerned. Well, alas, so has my support for McGill.

I hope some sisters will read this letter and take heart. Surely it cannot be impossible to change all of those men's minds...or can it?

Linda Buzzell

New physics building a shoebox

To the Daily:

Newly released plans for the Ernest Rutherford Physics Building have generated a perceptible grumbling within the School of Architecture.

The building is to occupy the gentle sloping site on University Street opposite Prince Arthur, now cleared of old houses. It is scheduled to open in the spring of 1976.

The proposed Physics Building will resemble the Bronfman Building — a rectangular, blank, uninviting concrete and glass box — a shoebox. Now, while such a thing might be marginally acceptable on Sherbrooke Street, surrounded by concrete boxes and blank facades, on University Street it is not. The scale is much smaller, given by the articulation of the old rooming houses and fraternities spilling out from the ghetto. One's experience moving down the street is of bay windows, staircases and entranceways — elements giving human scale. The slope is exciting, causing perceptive changes with increasing elevation.

The relationship between a building and its environment is one of the most important

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An open letter to the McGill Community

It is time for students at McGill together with faculty to take action and support the boycott or strike of French and English CEGEP students because the Student Loans and Bursaries of the Quebec Department of Education has seriously put into jeopardy the position of students depending on the government's financial assistance, leaving them desperate for income security. This is placing a totally unjustified stress on them and all of us at McGill also awaiting financial aid at a time when studies are nearing a very critical stage with examinations upon us.

The Education Department's explanation in their published

document entitled "Solutions Are Already Being Applied To The Problems," carries no weight with utility companies, landlords, college or university registrars demanding payment of fees, nor the corner grocery store. It is an insulting rationalization to the taxpayers of Quebec, and a shameful example of bureaucratic stalling techniques, disguised in "We're holding up everything to give you a better deal" double-talk to cool out militant and justifiably angry students — especially those hardest hit: French CEGEP students. Education Minister Francois Cloutier has at this point made no concrete proposals to take students off

the financial hook, and most college or university student aid offices are hard-pressed to meet impossible financial aid requests with their limited resources. Cloutier and his Department heads are responsible for screwing up the works and the possible careers of many students for a long time to come. Those responsible should be asked to resign for what has been rumored to be incorrect computer programming causing delays, then white-washed further in the above mentioned "document," but surely increasing the Education Department's interests as long as the guarantees to back loans and bursary monies remain in Government bank accounts rather than in

greatly needed student accounts. There is no excuse for this sort of delay at a time when Quebec has promised to look into making loans and bursaries available to students at the beginning of the school year in September when they are needed rather than around Christmas time, as has been the case in recent years. Cloutier's response recently to student demands aside from a few minor concessions with student leaders has only been to point out that it would be "truly irresponsible for us to grant long-term student demands hastily" and the classic insult upon injury: "Students should not jeopardize their academic year by remaining out of classes now."

I think Francois Cloutier and his chiefs are trying to tell us something, and I further think that if McGill and other more privileged places like it went on strike, the Minister would be forced to shift or get off the pot fast. It is in this light that I would ask Students' Council reps and Students' Society to begin to take steps immediately to organize a strike in support of French and English CEGEP students already out of classes for many days now so that additional attention and support can be brought to bear on this outrageous farce. UNITED WE STAND.

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More on the Middle East

I was stunned out of my mind to read Brian Ticoll's article on the Mid-east. You've found a sane socialist to write for you. Congratulations!

Since Ticoll lumps me in with the Daily as a "thinker" who reacts by perceiving "good" groups vs "bad" groups, I have to comment. I perceive no such thing. All my life I've reacted against people who set up simplistic models of the world and then behave as if these models were reality. Christians defined a "damned" class and proceeded to persecute and repress them. Socialists define "working class" and "imperialist" in a simplistic manner. I remember when the North Vietnamese were "good" and the South Vietnamese "bad", that sort of garbage. An Arab who machine guns his way into

someone's home (a refugee from Arab repression) and snipes at a Jewish child from a window because he sees an "evil Zionist" is another example. A Chilean soldier who kicks open the door of a union organizer and guns him down is exactly the same.

Catholic apologists thrived during the Inquisition, American apologists explained away the Mal Lal massacre, Julian Sher, our dum-dum in residence, is capable of explaining away every socialist excess — and these people can do this because they are seeing their theories and not the world as it is. Ticoll does it himself — he calls me a racist because I mentioned that the very same Arab leaders who are outraged at Zionist racism are directly implicated in the murder of no

less than half a million Blacks of the Sudan.

I'd rather terrorize theories than people.

Ticoll's rather brilliant analysis of the Mid-east is dulled by his ignoring things which don't fit into his model "that political power derives directly from economic and military power. Ideology, when important, serves to create, uphold, or support economic power, and the force of arms." But this is no place to argue that thesis. Let's support it for the hell of it.

Note: The major wars since the Second World War have been weapons testing grounds for United States and Russian arms — Korea, Viet Nam, and now the Middle-East. When all the young men are dead the testing moves to greener

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CEGEP strike issues

The recent walkout of CEGEP students across the province of Quebec in support of student loans and bursaries reflects in miniature the growing instability of the Western capitalist economies and the gathering rebellion of its victims. Coming just days before the latest general strike in France, the collapse of the automobile industry and national coal strike in the U.S., the growing social breakdown in Italy, this seemingly "trivial" student strike well illustrates the state of things to come. As the capitalist world moves closer to economic depression, all sectors of the economy are placed in an ever-tightening pinch. One day it is mass layoffs in the automobile industry. The next it is a "computer error" holding up student loans. The next it will likely be major cutbacks across the public sector, including education spending. And, finally, a full scale collapse.

Already the future scenario is becoming quite clear. And even the latest public opinion polls

show that most people have a pretty good idea of the dim shape of things to come. Most people, that is, outside the ivory towers. In colleges and universities, however, teachers and students still teach and study their little courses largely as if nothing were happening. Teachers in the so-called careers and professions still busily prepare students for non-existent jobs. Teachers in the liberal arts still by-and-large work to prepare students to dabble in a leisured upper class culture few will be able to afford.

In this sense, the de-facto cutback on student loans, and the CEGEPs strike that resulted, must be viewed as the embryonic intrusion of the real world's iceberg tip into the ivory towers. Not surprisingly, many professors were outraged by this, preferring instead their pretense of preparing students for a non-existent world. Others, including the leadership of the FNEQ teachers' union, to their credit, realized

that something serious was afoot and generally supported the student strikers. But, again quite predictably, most teachers in the sciences and so-called careers (and not a few of the arts teachers as well) saw the whole thing as a "plot" by what they called a handful of lazy arts students bent on disrupting the educational system. The Quebec government's Minister of Education was not so stupid as this. He admitted that the students had some valid gripes, and that their strike had been constructive in raising the "issues". But, again quite predictably, he tried to narrow down these issues to the purely bureaucratic aspects of computers fouling up the processing of student loans.

The teachers who denounced the student strike are, on the whole, more to be pitied than scorned. Having themselves been trained for a comfortable niche in industry or university teaching, in which they were expected to do their job and not

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aspects of architecture in that it affects so many people.

For an example of a well sited building, consider the Education Building on McTavish Street. While large, its scale is reduced by articulation of parts, and it blends well into the slope without dominating the street or its neighbours.

Poor relation to surroundings is exemplified by the McConnell Engineering Building, where University Street exposure does nothing for the street scene except induce wind, block sun and create an unpleasant street canyon.

Let's decide now if we want another concrete box on campus, or if some sort of architectural response can be made to the character of University street, and add to the enjoyment of walking through the McGill campus.

Alan Maples
Architecture

Fire them anyway

To the Daily:

I suppose I should not really be surprised by the "they are trying to get us" reaction by some members of the Education Faculty to upcoming budget cuts in the Faculty's funding. We are told that five professors must be dropped, a reduction of 3½ percent — or to look at it another way — classes of 18 students will next year have to accommodate 19 students.

I guess I thought the "job survived at any cost" mentality that exists among auto workers in Detroit and coal mines in Wales is due to a collective lack of education and social sophistication. But no — here we find a number of our Education professors adopting the same dogmatic attitudes towards potential reductions in their numbers.

In industry, if workload falls, it is axiomatic that those required to do the remaining work will be less. Although many regret that it happens it is generally accepted that lay-offs are a necessity to assure survival of a healthy corporation. No union, no matter how strong, ever doubts that this decision must be the prerogative of the management. On the contrary, it seems that some of our Education professors feel the decision on their worth be made by themselves. Such a policy could ultimately result in professors remaining on staff long after they ceased performing any useful function at all, in the manner of the coal tenders for the CNR who remained well into the diesel era.

And as far as "badly needed equipment" is concerned, I again must express strong doubts. There are already so many expensive "toys" now receiving negligible use in the

Faculty of Education that I feel certain more money will only bring more of the same. Even the equipment that gets used costs well in excess of its true value in aiding students to be good teachers. For example, it surely is nice to have thousands of dollars of audio-visual tape recorders and cameras to play with in our communications courses, but I seriously doubt that lack of some of these units "would not permit us to function properly next year." One consequence, though, could certainly be the introduction of courses requiring more real-work on the part of the students (and professors). Here, perhaps I should have second thoughts. For the sake of future education students, possibly I should change my views. I'm sure they will be the same as I and vastly prefer playing with toys over writing term papers.

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Mid-East...

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pastures. Like Spain was once a weapons testing ground. That's what those "little" conflicts are for.

The independence of Viet Nam has been irrelevant to both sides, just as the grievances and aspirations of Jew and Arab are irrelevant now. Neither Israel nor Arabia has the power to start a new Mid-East war. Both sides were exhausted after the first week of the last war and could not have continued without massive outside airlifts. If both Russia and the States do not want the next war it will not happen. If either of them do want it, it will. The Third World is only powerful in that it can play these two giant egomaniacs off against each other.

The Mid-East struggle is not about human rights or colonialism. It is generated by the ego trips of mankind's morally bankrupt leaders. As one Russian diplomat joyfully put it to his American counterpart as Egypt's tanks crossed the Suez, "See! Our weapons are as good as your weapons!" Dig it, we are jockeying for the next great war and Russia and the States are equally guilty. When Arab and Jew are dead the testing ground will move on.

Note: For those assholes who think in terms of "good" wars and "bad" wars where are the leaders of North-South Korea? Dead. They died twenty years ago. Will Viet Nam be liberated? A whole generation of North-South Vietnamese men were wiped out (about 1 in 4) and officers have the highest casualty rates. You'll watch it happening — when the old men die, so will Viet Nam, because the young men are already dead. Where are the British and French and German leaders? Dead. So will you be if you continue to support "good" wars and are dumb enough to

get caught up in the rhetoric that is designed to cover up the real nature of socialist-capitalist weapons rivalry. Which means weapons testing. Which means young men die, and homes are blasted, and lives crippled, and aspirations set back for three generations, and land destroyed, and resources wasted and noble causes ground to dust impartially. One hundred and thirty billion dollars worth of weapons testing in Viet Nam. Fifteen billion dollars of weapons testing in the Mid-East that COULD have built a paradise for Jew and Arab alike — if mankind's motivations were really economic like the socialist-capitalists tell us.

Donald Kingsbury

CEGEP...

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worry too much about the overall purpose of the job, they naturally find it upsetting that rapidly growing groups of students, workers, and even other teachers are beginning to question the purpose of it all. They would of course like to dismiss it all as just another communist "plot". But in the backs of their minds an awareness is gradually penetrating of the magnitude of the social/economic breakdown to come. At the moment they are violently torn between recognizing the situation for what it is (which implies getting together with others to do something about it) or continuing to keep one's head in the sand and pretending that nothing is really wrong. For example, at the height of the strike one learned humanities professor debated with me on the "legality" of students throwing up a picket line. I had to explain to him that when oppressed groups call a strike, they do so to change the existing "legality", not perpetuate it.

The CEGEPs strike in this sense represents another of the growing number of cracks in the business-as-usual facade. It is important because it showed that French and English students can act together in the face of the economic breakdown, and that increasing groups of teachers within the FNEQ unions will support them.

At Dawson, the largest of the province's CEGEPs, the administration professed to "support" the students. In the interests of avoiding violence, it urged teachers and support staff not to cross student picket lines on the college's various campuses. Unfortunately, exempted from these accommodating gestures was the administration building itself. And when the student association threw up a picket line around it, senior administrators and many of their subordinates happily walked across it into their familiar business-as-usual routines. Thus died the Dawson "community." May it rest in peace.

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The Daily: a self-criticism

For Daily staffers, self-criticism, debate, and development are a vital part of putting out the paper, yet it is the part least seen by the readers. Contrary to what many of our letters have suggested, our internal discussions generally centre around how we can best serve McGill students. Every staff and editorial board meeting includes a review of the week during which we evaluate our efforts and discuss what changes should be made to improve the paper.

In our self-criticism, however, we don't ask ourselves if we are popular; we ask ourselves if we are thought-provoking, if we stimulate debate, if we are publicizing good causes, in short, if our material is interesting and challenging enough to be read and discussed. The worst fate of any student newspaper, we feel, is to be condemned to indifference—better to be the centre of informative controversy than to come and go without a ripple.

One of our letter-writers called the Daily "often contradictory or outrageous." We would modify that to read "sometimes contradictory and occasionally outrageous" but the point was nevertheless a good one, and perhaps nobody is more acutely aware of this than the Daily staff itself.

In this final issue of the term, the staff wanted to share with the readers our concluding self-criticism of this term, to tell the readers what the staff sees as the Daily's successes and failures.

What follows, then, is our sum-up of the first part of the year, what we anticipate for the second half, and an explanation of how the Daily works.

The content of the Daily can be divided into six main areas: (1) news reporting, (2) features, (3) sports, (4) reviews, (5) "From our readers" and letters, (6) comments (opinion pieces written by Daily staffers) and editorials.

News

News coverage has generally been very good, with stories ranging from vending machine increases and the blood drive, to demonstrations, the pension fund scandal, and budget cuts in universities and CEGEPs.

But in spite of our active reporting on nearly everything that has occurred, we are still receiving complaints of not enough campus news. One suggestion which we will try next term is a weekly "Around the Campus" column for short news blurbs on the activities of clubs and societies.

Our shortcomings in news reporting, in our view, fall into two principal areas.

First of all, we have done very little original investigation into McGill. Studying and analyzing what McGill is all about is perhaps the best way the Daily could serve the McGill community, yet here at the half-way point in the year we have

nothing to show in this area except a series on the pension fund, the budget cut articles, an article on the education faculty, and a lot of good intentions that were never realized.

The second area which we have not adequately covered are the developments in francophone universities and CEGEPs where there have been massive protests this year over discriminatory aptitude tests, security guards, budget cuts, student newspaper censorship, etc.

One positive step toward better communication between the anglophone and francophone student communities was the weekly newspaper exchange and a few efforts at collaboration between the Daily and the student newspaper at University of Montreal, Volume 57—but we realize that this is not enough.

We could plead that we haven't had the resources of time or people to better explore these neglected areas, but such excuses are inadequate—what must be done somehow gets done, even if it means reordering one's priorities.

Features

The feature stories in the Daily as a rule have been well written and fully substantiated, but while we have had no quarrel with the quality of the features, we have questioned if the subject-matter is relevant to McGill students.

As a result of our questions, since September we have de-emphasized articles on the international situation—we now run no more than one a week. Instead we have articles that we hope are of interest to all students—like Bill 22, education in Quebec, Montreal's public transportation, Montreal's taxes, the housing shortage, the deportation of the Haitians, sports, the additives in our food, the way Time magazine dominates the Canadian magazine market, the sensational press, and "loony-

bins."

But while we feel that the features we did run were generally good, we are aware that we probably over-emphasized some subjects (the municipal elections) and neglected entirely other important areas. We had, for example, virtually no features for women, on Canada outside of Quebec, and science (except for some medicine articles.) We hope to fill in these gigantic gaps next term.

Review

The cultural review section of the Daily has suffered from two problems.

Firstly, the Daily's weekly supplement, which would have contained most of the reviews, has been dropped because the decline in the Daily's advertising revenue compelled us to drastically cut back on the number of pages we print.

Secondly, since the supplement went defunct, trying to integrate the reviews into the rest of the Daily resulted in the sporadic appearance of a hodge-podge of reviews on whatever someone felt like reviewing. We are now trying to adhere to the following rule of thumb: either the review pertains to a McGill event or publication or it complements the themes being explored in the rest of the paper. Last week, for example, we ran a review on the English department production "Easter" as well as expanding on our police theme by reviewing and analyzing police TV shows.

This was, we hope, only the beginning of a better integration of politics and art in the Daily.

Sports

Sports is completely autonomous from the rest of the Daily—it has its own editors, staff, and readers. We feel that this

separation is regrettable but we realize that because the sports department appeals to many people who are not necessarily interested in the political articles in the Daily, such a separation is still necessary.

Sports began quietly this year with only two staff members (the new editors) returning to report on the whole sports scene. Over the term, the department has expanded to covering the Redmen's hockey and basketball teams, rugby, curling, floor hockey, and, most of all, women's athletics.

Next term, we plan to continue offering the most sports coverage possible and to promote more comment on the present and future disposition of sports on campus. As always, we encourage those wishing to contribute anything to the sports page to feel free to do so.

From our readers and letters

The From our readers/letters part of the Daily has thrived this term with the debates ranging from "Engineers ignore social problems" to disagreement with the Daily's pro-PLO position to the merits of MUNASA.

Unfortunately, the Daily has been unable to print all the articles received from readers due to lack of space, but we will continue to provide as much space as possible to the readers' viewpoints.

Editorials and comments

The last category of articles in the Daily—editorials and comments has been the worst part of the Daily thus far. The several comments written in September, with the single exception of the comment on the transportation workers' strike in the first issue, depended more on sarcasm

than analysis to attack a position. Sarcasm is a legitimate editorial tool, but not when it is used exclusively in place of sound arguments.

It wasn't until November that the Daily realized it had come out with virtually no editorial positions on controversial issues. At that point we decided to run at least one editorial per week, stating our position on an issue covered in the Daily.

Our first editorial after this decision was on repression in the schools. Unfortunately because of our lack of coverage of university repression throughout Quebec and Canada, the editorial descended on McGill like a bombshell from the sky.

The editorials that followed in succeeding weeks made the same mistake of not explaining the reasons behind our position in detail. It is not enough, we now realize, to say that "racism is used to divide the working class" without explaining who the working class is, why some people would want this class divided, and exactly how this is done (not only here, but in the United States, Europe and Africa too).

The Daily's editorials then, have generally been meaningless and alienating to the reader because, in our view, we have failed to back up our positions with well-developed arguments and, more importantly, we have often failed to provide good news and feature coverage of the issue elsewhere in the paper.

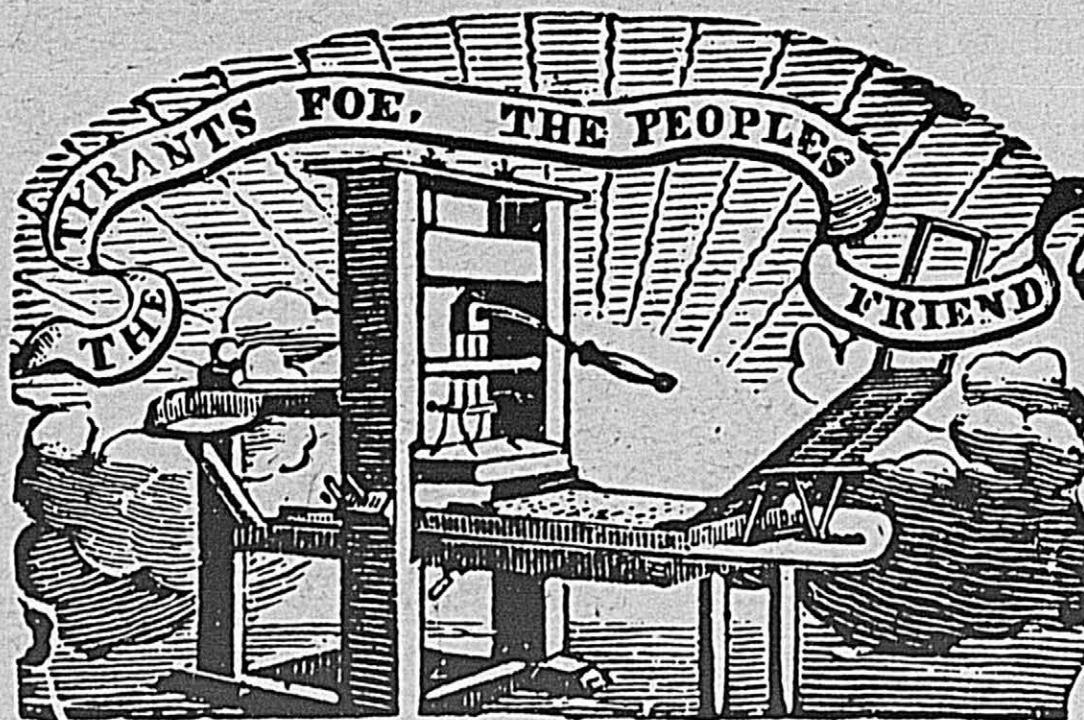
As far as offering substantiated positions, the comments have been much better than the editorials. "Transit workers winning fight for indexation," "Unequal society, unequal education," "Reevaluating the Students' Society," and "Our prospective teachers," as well as the debates over the municipal election and the Free Press, all presented well-argued positions.

The single exception to this was the notorious comment on Macdonald's open house. The Daily staff looks back upon the arrogance and the generalizations in the Macdonald comment as an example of what Daily editorials and comments should not be.

Our editorial policy

The same letter-writer who called us "often contradictory or outrageous" said something else that we found especially insightful—he observed that instead of arguing against the positions the Daily has taken and the evidence it has offered, people criticizing the Daily in the letters column lately invariably question "whether the Daily should publish any relevant or controversial political content at all, let alone favour a political line." Certainly if the letters are any reflection of

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campus opinion, there is a widespread aversion to political controversy.

When we receive angry letters, we try to distinguish between the legitimate gripes of those who feel that our attitude is arrogant and condescending and that our politics represent thoughtless dogmatism, and those who are angry over having their values and beliefs challenged. In the former case, we listen and try to figure out where we have gone wrong and what needs to be changed; in the latter, we answer that the Daily can do no better than to challenge people's ideas.

But obviously challenging people's ideas and stimulating debate are not our only criteria for running articles — if that were the case we could reprint articles from the magazine South Africa Today which extoll the virtues of apartheid (the Daily receives the magazine each month for free for some unknown reason) or reproduce the Ku Klux Klan's statement of principles. Certainly these would elicit responses.

Instead, however, we take a progressive political position, trying to expose and analyse the injustices in our society. We have explored the reasons behind the deportation of the Haitians, the exploitation of workers by the multinationals, the structure of our educational system, unequal health care, the struggles of farmers against monopoly food industry, and the budding wars in many third world countries.

We would like to go on the investigate discrimination against women, pollution, inflation, "over-population" and the other problems in our society.

Many have asked us why the Daily covers the activities of workers and what relevance their strikes and demonstrations have to us at McGill. We give coverage to developments among the workers because we think that because workers are essential to the economic

system functioning smoothly, the moves they are making will greatly affect us all in the final analysis.

To cite one example, when some Daily staffers went to interview the picketing transit workers at dawn one September morning, they were surprised to be handed a statement which read, "The curtain is rising on a new generation of workers who have at last understood that the only weapon against a rotten system is solidarity." One worker even pointed to the statement and said proudly, "It wasn't always this way."

This determination of some workers to change the system is rarely reported in the commercial press, undoubtedly because it is run and owned by businessmen. In the Daily we try to fill in the gap between reality and what the commercial press chooses to report.

Plans for next term

Last week, the police theme was our first attempt at a weekly theme for the Daily. We were generally pleased with the results and we plan to continue the experiment next term.

We will probably start out with a week on the "counter-culture." Next we will tackle the gargantuan topic "Science and society", trying to make up in a small way for our lack of science articles thus far this year. The following week, the theme is slated to racism.

To complement the weekly themes, we plan to slip in an editorial or two a week, some humour, some reviews, some articles written in French, and many large, handsome photographs. In news writing we plan to stress investigating and analyzing McGill. In feature writing we want to explore the areas that we only touched on this term—like women, foreign students, science, art, and Canada.

As always, however, our

ambitions will probably be somewhat tempered by two considerations: (1) those four-page issues we are forced to put out in which there is room for little except campus news, and (2) too few dedicated staffers.

We will launch next term's Daily with our mid-year recruitment drive, new staffers (as well as old) will be treated to a fresh set of introductory seminars on news reporting, feature writing, and production. The seminars will be accompanied by a newly-published Daily stylebook with sections on everything from good layout style to photography.

The structure of the Daily

We try to make the Daily as close to being a collective effort as is possible with a daily newspaper and a large staff. What really distinguishes the editors with positions from the rest of the staff is that the editors work on the paper on a daily basis, sacrificing their schoolwork, personal lives, etc., to give the paper some direction and continuity. The staff works on the paper less regularly and is consequently less involved in the day-to-day decision making. Any staff member who works regularly on the paper usually winds up assuming editorial duties—it's as simple as that.

All staffers (including the editors) are encouraged to work in all facets of the paper—everyone is asked to do some typing, layout, copyreading, news writing, etc. As much as possible, the workload is shared fairly by all. The degree of exchange and cooperation found on the Daily, makes us, we believe, fairly unique in both the commercial and student newspaper world where rigid hierarchies are the order of the day.

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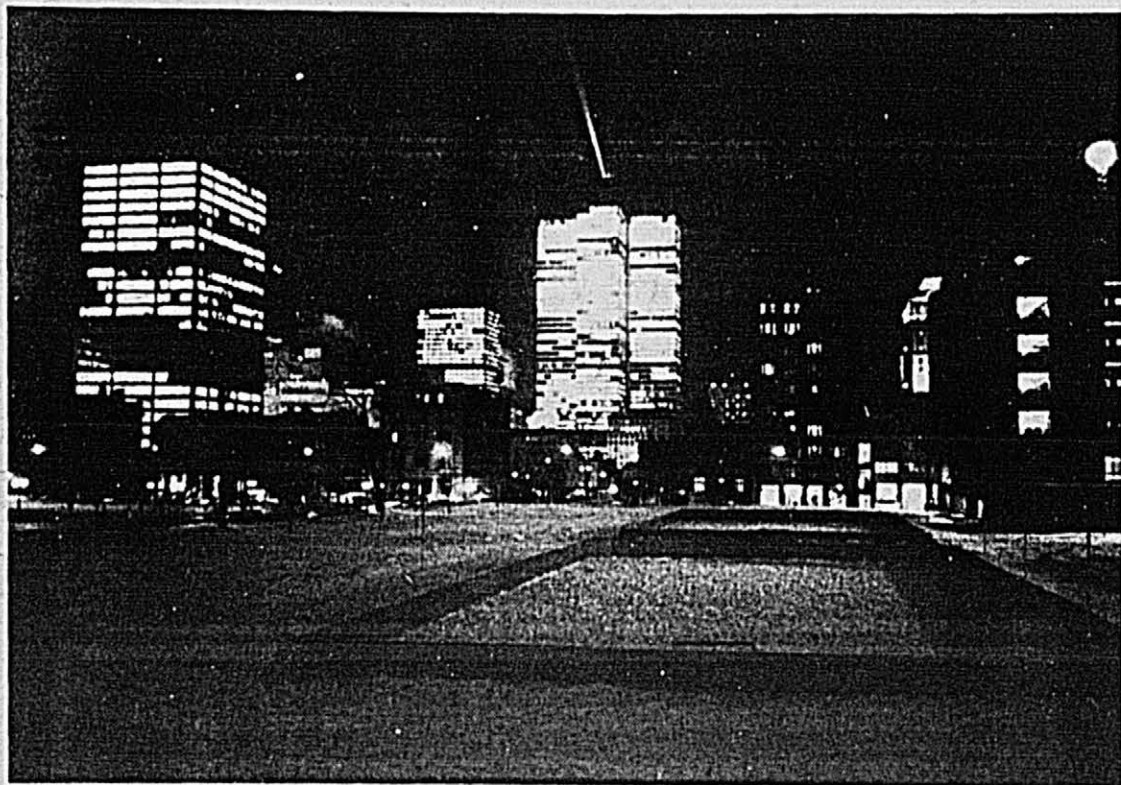
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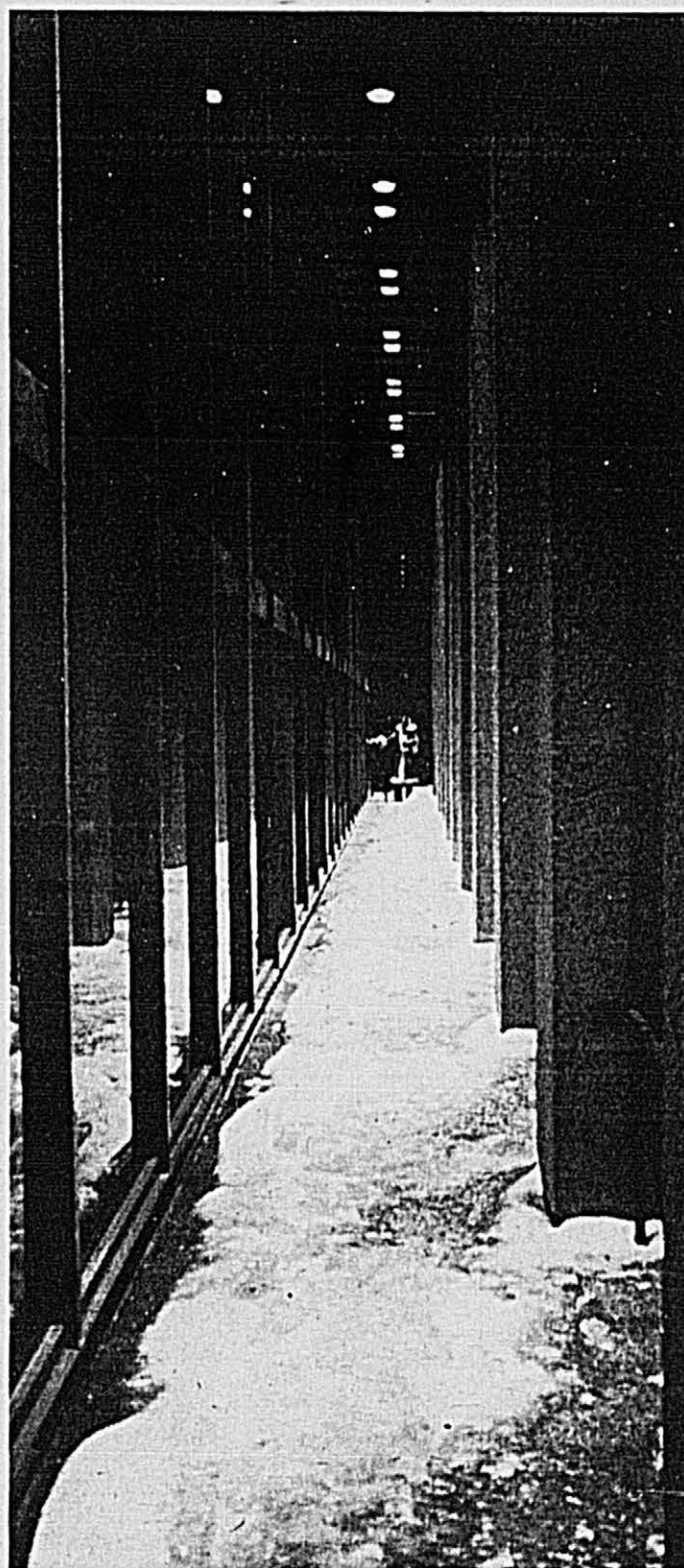
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Christmas at Haile Selassie's

by Craig Toomey

He sat on his throne, bathing in dignity. Dressed in full military regalia, he looked somewhat like an African Napoleon, scrutinizing the over-groomed kids playing before him. This was HIS party, and he was enjoying it, even though he never rose from his throne.

The Emperor sat like an imperial rock for two hours, his Mexican chihuahua at his left foot. He was never without his chihuahua; the two were inseparable.

The two of them sitting rigidly at one end of the Palace's balcony presented a strange portrait. They appeared as replicas of an era long past. It was difficult to believe that this harmless-looking descendant of King Solomon wielded so much power, and practically owned Ethiopia, all by "Divine right".

Few of the diplomats' kids took any notice of this little man bedecked in royalty. To them he seemed unreal, and mysteriously frightening.

None of them had ever been so close to His Imperial Majesty, although most had seen him before. It was difficult not to run into the Emperor. Whenever HIS motorcade passed through Addis all life came to a halt. HIS presence sent a paralyzing wave within a mile radius. The traffic-ridden streets suddenly became empty as motorists pulled to the side and jumped out of their cars in time to lower their heads while HE, passed by in his six-doored Mercedes.

Even ragged clothed peasants dragged themselves from their corrugated-roofed huts to pay respects to the "Lion of Judah". They carried out the ritual without thinking - it was more like a reflex action. They

rarely questioned it, after all, they had been told it was HIS divine right.

The grounds in back of the massive Jubilee Palace were very much like a Japanese Garden. The Emperor was very proud of his garden and would often take refuge there. Every day he would walk silently through it, followed by his toy chihuahua and several bodyguards. He kept a number of exotic animals in one especially beautiful part of the garden. His greatest delight, though, was a pack of powerful, full grown lions.

These Imperial Lions could often be seen lazing on the outer walls of the Palace, fastened with a heavy chain. The Emperor liked to think they were the symbol of Ethiopia - and of himself; they added to the sacred aura surrounding the King of Kings.

An exotic but shrill music streamed from the Royal Garden as the kids played American party games.

The games seemed out of place. It was like playing chess in a church. For some reason one felt guilty for daring to carry out these common antics in such majestic surroundings. It was like performing for a single spectator, one who was silently passing judgement on the entire scenario.

The Emperor appeared to be getting impatient. He raised his fingers from the arm of his velvet throne to summon a servant. The White-jacketed aide put down the tray of cake he was holding and approached the bemedaled man with his torso bent at a 45 degree angle. The Emperor whispered in his ear for less than three seconds and motioned him away.

The helicopter was late.

The magician had just started

his act when he was interrupted by a roar overhead. A United States helicopter, manned by a member of His Majesty's crack army elite descended on to a cleared area in the garden about 25 yards from the veranda. The Emperor did not flinch. Swarms of servants rushed out to the iron-bird and started unloading colourfully wrapped parcels. His Majesty's Christmas presents had arrived!

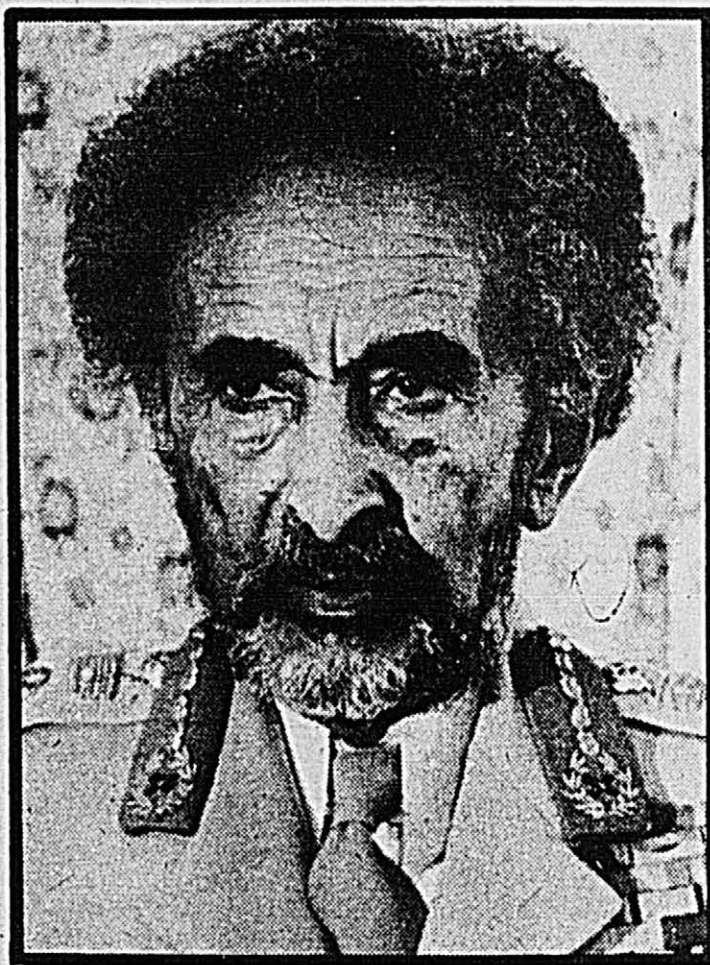
The Emperor seemed pleased and motioned to the magician to continue his show later.

Each gift was marked with the name of one of the guests and the position of his/her father. "Merry Christmas John Doe, son of John Doe, Ambassador of England, from His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I." One wondered why "Haile Selassie" wasn't replaced with "Santa Claus". After all, the Emperor looked like he was playing the role of an Abyssinian Santa Claus as he watched his obedient elves hand out presents. But the title did not quite fit the grinning little man. He gave away presents only once a year to the children of the Ethiopian elite. Besides that, he gave away nothing.

The children eagerly ripped open the neatly-wrapped packages to see what the Emperor had to offer. Little did they realise that they were probably the only children in the country to receive such favour. The ritual of Christmas was virtually unknown in this Coptic Christian land - leading the Westernized kids to believe the Emperor had imported an all-American Christmas especially for this occasion. Sure, the Ethiopian people went to church on Xmas day, but few had the fortune to experience an "American Christmas", with its crass commercialism and veneer. The Emperor always delighted in Western ways. Perhaps he was trying to catch up all the American Christmas' he missed before he inherited control of his country 50 years before.

The Emperor's gifts were diverse-tool-kits, Mickey Mouse watches, bikes, stuffed animals, Shroeder-like pianos and airplane models. Most seemed to have come from the numerous Italian and Armenian toy merchants that were scattered throughout the bustling capital. He was pleased with the reaction, although he did not show it openly. The man who had pleaded 35 years earlier before the League of Nations to save his country from the merciless grips of Mussolini was too dignified to show any emotion.

After the presentation of



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gifts, all the children were obliged to approach His Majesty and thank him. They had been prepared for this performance.

Several weeks before the party, when the Emperor's gold printed invitations were delivered by special courier, each child was given special lessons on how to approach the "Lion of Judah." "Approach with your eyes down in a humble manner. Stop three feet from His Imperial Majesty's feet, bend down, take his outstretched hands in yours and kiss them. Then depart by walking backwards. Never turn your back on his Majesty!"

This special briefing had added a terrifying element to the act of thanking the Emperor for holding a Christmas party. It was reminiscent of those scenes in the "King and I" when the sternly-faced King held an audience with his serfs.

One by one the children carried out the act, with the Emperor nodding approval as each one kissed his royal hand. The chihuahua also seemed to nod approval as he observed the procedure from his master's left foot. They were two of a kind.

One child received special favour from the Emperor and stood by his throne for several minutes chatting with him. It was the first time anyone had ever seen him speak that afternoon and they wondered

what the soft-spoken King of Kings could be discussing with this especially bratty American kid. Perhaps they talked about the lions - the Emperor was very proud of his lions. Often he would have the fearsome looking animals marched through Addis Ababa for all to witness their might, and his.

After the Emperor was satisfied, the guests were escorted to their chauffeur-driven cars by his aides. They left the grand palace in a flurry of excitement.

Passing through the crowded city failed to daunt this excitement, despite the contrasts it presented. Amidst beautifully designed skyscrapers - the ultra-modern Organization of African Unity (OAU) headquarters, the gold-domed Bank of Ethiopia, the massive statues of the Lion of Judah - stood miserable mud huts and starving people. Their faces, distorted with pain and hunger, were never noticed by their kindly-looking Emperor. He seemed to stand above such worldly and ugly scenes. After all, he considered himself to be divine.

The children wondered when His Imperial Majesty would hold a Christmas Party again as they sat in their suburban homes watching "Star Trek" and playing with their new toys. Little did they know that this was to be one of his last.



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Secret sources reveal: Christmas date a hoax

by Charlie Clark

Every year, custom and calendar dictate that the celebration of Christmas be on the 25th of December. But, a little research will reveal that historians and astronomers, both secular and ecclesiastical, unanimously agree that Christ was not born on December 25 of the year zero.

If we have to blame someone for this embarrassing contradiction between the folks in the ivory tower and the rest of us, we can lay a large part at the door of one Dionysius Exiguus, a Scythian monk whose miscalculations altered the course of Western Civilization.

Dionysius, who lived in Rome, was instructed in the year 533 to fix the beginning of the Christian era on the calendar by working backwards. In the course of his calculations, not only did he neglect to include the year zero, which he should have inserted in between 1 B.C. and 1 A.D., but he overlooked four years during which the Roman Emperor Augustus reigned under the name of Octavian.

Biblical scholars tend to agree that when the Bible includes details that have no theological significance they may generally be taken as accurate. The Book of Matthew states plainly that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod of Judea. All contemporary sources date Herod's reign from 40 B.C. to his death in 4 B.C. which would mean that in addition to Dionysius's confusion, we have to place the birth of Christ before 4 B.C.

Attempts to establish the precise date make up an interesting story. Considerable speculation throughout history has been given to the inspirational "star of Bethlehem" mentioned in the Book of Luke. Ancient thinkers believe the star to have been a comet or a nova which were held to portend special events. Indeed, much of the medieval religious art portrays the manger scene with an enormous comet looming in the background.

Modern civilization possesses astronomical records from Roman, Greek, Babylonian, Egyptian and Chinese sources. Comets were recorded

in 44 B.C., the year of Julius Caesar's death, 17 B.C. and not again until 66 A.D. Chinese records reveal the appearance of Halley's comet over China in the year 12 B.C. but this could not have been available in Mesopotamia.

The same is true of novae or "new stars" whose sudden burst of radiance temporarily outshines all other heavenly bodies. Around the turn of the eras, novae were recorded in 134 B.C. and 173 A.D. with none appearing any closer to the birth of Christ.

But modern scholars have come up with their own explanation of this star. Shortly before Christmas in Prague, the year 1603, Imperial Mathematician and Astronomer Royal Johannes Kepler (famous for Kepler's planetary laws) sighted a conjunction in the sky of the planets Jupiter and Saturn. Together, in the constellation Pisces, the two planets had the appearance of a single brilliant star.

Kepler remembered from his readings that ancient Jewish astrologers had attributed

unusual significance to the constellation Pisces. It was there that they looked for signs of the Messiah. Was this the star of Bethlehem that guided the three wise men? Johannes Kepler, who fluctuated between being astronomer-scholar and an astrologer-quack, checked his records and concluded that Saturn and Jupiter came together three times in a year around the birth of Christ. His astronomical calculations gave the year 7 B.C. while his astrological data pointed to 6 B.C. Kepler opted in favor of astrology.

This complicated theory was forgotten until modern times and with the aid of computerized planetariums, it has been verified that Saturn and Jupiter did come together in 7 B.C. and scholars who regard Book of Luke as history, accept this as the year of the birth of Christ.

But why the 25th of December? The Book of Luke from which the entire manger scene is derived, reads "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

Teams of meteorologists, historians and biblical scholars have taken readings from the climate of Palestine which has not changed significantly in the last two thousand years. In December, Bethlehem is in the grip of frost. No flocks of sheep or cattle would be out with shepherds at this time of year. This is further confirmed by a mentioning in the Jewish Talmud that flocks were brought inside before the onset of winter.

So how did it happen that Christmas is celebrated in snowy December? The 25th of December is referred to as Christmas day for the first time in documents in the year 354 A.D. Under the Roman Emperor Justinian, it was recognized as an official holiday. In ancient Rome, the 25th was celebrated as the "birthday of the unconquered", the day of the winter solstice, and the last day of the Saturnalia. By 354 A.D., the festival had degenerated to the point that it provided early Christians a time to feel safe from persecution.



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Tough spirit for strikers' Xmas

by Julian Sher



For Jean, Leo and Jules, 'tis less the season to be jolly than to be more militant than ever. When you've been on strike for 19 months, you worry less about wreaths of holly than where the next meal for your family is going to come from.

But when the three guys from the Canadian Gypsum plant in Joliette talk to you about their kids, their wives, their New Year resolutions and student support, you don't feel the pity that the tear-jerking sob stories of the Gazette's Christmas basket fund are supposed to evoke.

Just respect. Lots of respect.

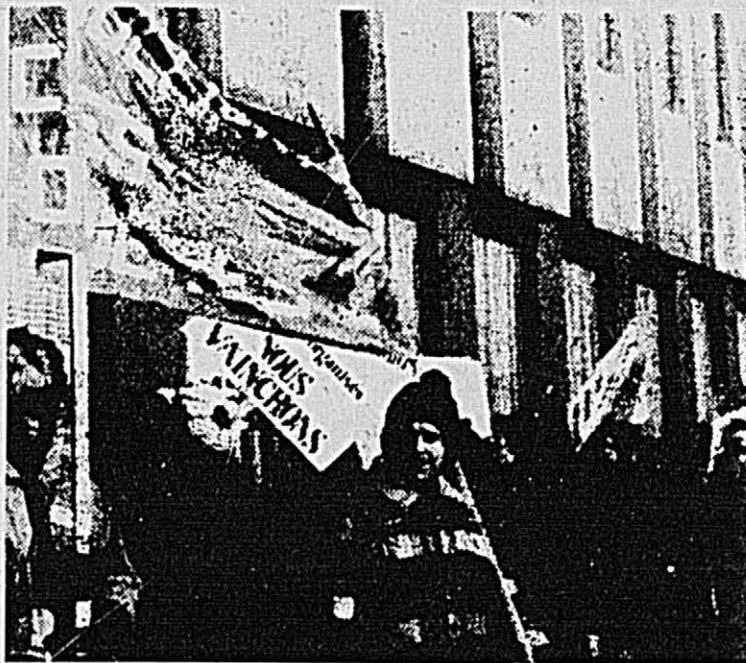
"For me, my kids don't expect presents," says 53-year old Jean Perrault, father of five children from 18 to 27 years. "But I won't be able to provide the festivities this time round. They'll have to treat me."

Jean's 30 years at the American multinational firm, renowned for its anti-union practices, have earned him a meagre \$2.95 hourly wage. His weekly strike pay of \$80 (\$60 for single workers) has been reduced by a deficit-ridden CSN to \$50.

"With me of course, it's difficult," says Leo Lavalée, a 32 year-old of four children under the age of seven. "We'll buy something; it just won't be as good or last as long. But the kids will be happy just the same."

And 41-year old Jules LaDouceur explains how the Gypsum workers plan to keep up the spirits of their children: "They won't have to make sacrifices, we will. The parents will have to go with fewer clothes, fewer nights out, cut down on a few things."

As the three men continue to tell their story — joking once in awhile, but with an overriding seriousness that comes from grim determination — you begin to wonder what the hell the working conditions must have been like to prompt family men to go on strike, and stay there for nearly two years. Men



like these three don't strike, battle the armed goons the company hires, the scabs and the injunctions for the thrill of it all.

And it's been an uphill climb all the way, the men explained. Just last week, \$1,800 of the strike fund was stolen by a bandit. "So for Christmas, we'll have an even tougher time making it through," says Leo.

"Some wives work, but others don't," Jules says. "So in those families, they'll just have to borrow, go more into debt, tighten their belts. The women have a bad morale now — after 19 months, it's difficult to keep us the spirits."

"My wife had a higher morale than I did — until two months ago," says Jean. But there's no move to give up, Jean is quick to add: "My kids don't want me to go back to work without good conditions."

Understandably, too, the Gypsum workers are not filled with yuletide love for their Uncle Scrooge employers, nor with the turn-the-other-cheek Christian ethic which even Tiny Tim's father had for his penny-pinching boss.

"The bosses, of course, will

have a very nice, comfortable Christmas," Jean says with the only ring of bitterness throughout the whole conversation. "Our Christmas will be a happy one for the kids — we'll make sacrifices so it won't really show for the kids. But it will be difficult trying to make ends meet after — it will be very difficult."

New Year resolutions? "Settle the strike as soon as possible," answers Leo without a moment's hesitation. "So if it's settled, the next Christmas will be better," Jules pipes in. The guys explain that the only issue outstanding between them and the multi-million dollar enterprise which only just recently gave in to negotiations is the Rand formula — the same union security pact which is at the centre of the prolonged United Aircraft strike.

In fact, support from other workers has been an instrumental aspect of the Gypsum workers' strategy. A regional common front has been set up in Joliette, the scene of such major labour conflicts in the past year as the historic Firestone strike; and last Saturday, the Comité de

Solidarité avec les Luttes Ouvrières organized a demonstration to popularize the Gypsum workers' battle.

Support from elsewhere — from the Church, for example — has been less forthcoming. After the theft of the strike fund, the workers say they went to the local priest to explain their plight. "All he said was that he would announce our situation Sunday," Jean says. But the priest stopped short of saying he would urge a special collection or something similar, the workers point out a bit angrily. "After 19 months, all the Church has done is move a little inch: they came out last month in favour of the Rand formula," one explains.

But with students, it's been quite a different story. Last year, whole schools walked out in support of the strikers in Joliette. On May 1, the whole town was closed down in a virtual general strike.

"We went into the schools," says Jean. "It was very good. We gave them a real course."

Jules saw the importance of support from the mainly working class students in Joliette in two ways: "First, there's just the information they get about the strike. Second, it's an education for them."

"They're going to be on the labour market soon, so they've got to be learned not to be as exploited as we were. We're fighting for future generations. They'll benefit from what we win."

And what about support from largely middle-class, anglophone students from universities such as McGill?

"It doesn't matter what language people speak, or where they come from," says Jules. "It's what side they're on — whether they support the strike or not that counts."

Then he, Leo and Jean smile, pass out tickets for a fund-raising supper to get money for their kids' Christmas presents, and rejoin their fellow workers demonstrating in front of the American embassy.



Some of 80 Gypsum workers.

For the man who has everything...

The guys on strike at United Aircraft were discussing a serious problem this week on the picket line. One of the union leaders, Harvey, said to the other men: "Hey guys, Christmas is getting close and we gotta think about buying presents for everyone."

One of the others, Joe, said: "You know we have the same problem every year, Harvey. Wives, kids, neighbours — they're all easy to buy for, we know what they need. The question, as usual, is what are we going to buy for G. Arnold Hart?"

Joe of course is referring to the Hart who's a member of the executive committee of United Aircraft Co. of Canada Ltd., Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Montreal and ex-member of the Board of Governors at McGill, to mention only a few of his credentials.

Harvey said: "A man like Mr. Hart has just about everything — but we still have to express our gratitude for him having made such wise and just decisions for the plant."

Try and try as he did, Harvey and the guys just couldn't come up with any gift ideas. In their

desperation, they called up the Daily (known for its sympathetic stands on imperialists, capitalists, bosses and Board of Governor members) and asked if we could come up with a few suggestions. Needless to say, we did:

Daily guide to buying Christmas presents for G. Arnold Hart (or the millionaire of your choice):

- 1) one worker, bronzed, his fist clenched in the power symbol
- 2) a pair of platinum-filled fleurs-de-lis United Aircraft symbols (the ones made from horseshoe nails)

- 3) the complete 24 volume set of Lenin's collected works
- 4) an invitation to tea with Chairman Mao
- 5) 2 Doberman Pinchers trained to attack workers)
- 6) a hot line to the head of the Montreal Police Riot Squad
- 7) a 50 by 64 foot mural with "Scab" written in goulish red letters
- 8) an invitation to sit on the Board of Directors of Gypsum, Electrolux, and Quebec Carton Ltd.
- 9) 2 dozen boxes of California-grown lettuce and grapes
- 10) a free year's subscription to the Daily.



G. Arnold Hart

Scrooge revisited

"A Christmas Carol—In Prose Being A Ghost Story of Christmas," by Charles Dickens. Bradbury and Eykens, Printers, Whitefriars, London. 1843. 166pp. 23/5d.

This Christmas season is graced with the appearance of a beautiful new book from that most noted author, Mr. Charles Dickens. Once again Mr. Dickens has astounded the literary world with his insight and wit. Why, already Thackeray has referred to it as "a national benefit," and even the most demanding critics are hailing this novel as "the best book of its kind in the world."

No expense has been spared to make it a beautiful little book; it is daintily printed, and tastefully bound in cloth, and Leech has supplied drawings for four full-page engraved illustrations which have been coloured by hand and four small woodcuts from the same artist.

It will, I believe, become the definitive Christmas book. We hear much of the world being shaken from centre to circumference by this or that evil influence; influences for good are not so dramatic in their

operation, but they are of greater duration, and among them Mr. Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will, for many years, rank highly.

Mr. Dickens' primary fortitude is his ability, as he states so eloquently in the preface, "to raise the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me." It is a book that can be read beside the quietly glowing embers on a cold winter's night, without offending anyone, and leaving everyone with a warm, charitable glow in their hearts. Dickens, with his mild mannered approach and delightful language, has assured himself of enviable sales and few disgruntled readers.

Dickens teaches us that even as wicked a person as Ebenezer Scrooge can rid himself of "the ponderous chain" that the evil forge in life and eventually become a wonderful new man. Who would have believed that the Spirit of Christmas could affect such a man, "Hard and sharp as flint, from which no steel had ever struck out a generous fire; secret, and self-contained, and solitary as an oyster." A man who could

pay his hard working secretary, Bob Cratchit, 15/- a week and then complain about having to give him one day off for Christmas.

The hearts of all of us falter at the thought of such a man as Scrooge, busy in his counting house, shouting "Bah! Humbug!" to all the happy Christmas revellers.

Dickens, in his inimitable and intricate way leads Scrooge from a man devoid of Christmas spirit to a man who became "as good a friend, as good a master, as good a man, as the good old city knew..." (It would be a shame to here reveal how Dickens deals with this marvellous transformation. Instead, go out and buy the book for yourself.) But eventually Scrooge goes on to save the life of Bob Cratchit's crippled boy, Tiny Tim, raise Bob's meagre salary, and endeavours to assist Bob's struggling family. Why, Scrooge even buys the huge prize turkey, "twice as big as Tiny Tim," and sends it to Bob Cratchit's house for Christmas. For Dickens truly understands the Christmas spirit. He realizes that Christmas can melt the heart of even the most evil of men. Dickens also knows that the lovable Ebenezer Scrooge,

with all his good hearted charity and cheerful benevolence is still the boss and the unfortunate, threadbare Bob Cratchit is still the worker. For Dickens does not have Scrooge give up his position as boss, he simply allows Scrooge to raise his

worker's salary and become a rich patronizing "uncle" to Bob's poor but happy family. Why, a hundred years from now men will look upon Ebenezer Scrooge and say, "That's my kind of man."

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Christmas with Uncle Sam

by Bill Wolfertz

In November of 1965, I joined the U.S. Navy and set off for Great Lakes, Illinois, on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan. To make a long story short, I found myself five weeks later in the Navy hospital with pneumonia as a non-paying guest of Uncle Sam.

Any hospital is a rather bizarre place, but a military hospital—especially over the Christmas holidays—is more bizarre than most.

The pneumonia ward contained about 40-50 beds, usually three-quarters filled at any one time. And because pneumonia causes very high fevers, delirium is quite common; so a large portion of those in the ward came there via the psycho ward. But if you have to be in hospital, the pneumonia ward is about the best place to be. Aside from the fact that the guys there spend most of the day and half the night coughing up their insides, it's a pretty quiet place. At least, no one ever dies there.

Our day began with reveille (yes, even in hospital) at 6:30 am, day in and day out. After breakfast (you think BMH is bad?—try hospital food!), those "patients" who were able to get out of bed and walk ten feet without passing out held "field day," a cleaning bee. We did all the cleaning ourselves.

First, all the beds were moved into one corner of the ward.

Then we swept and swabbed the deck (floor in English). At least once per week, we stripped off the old wax, re-waxed the floor and buffed it. The Navy really believes in "Freude durch Arbeit" (Joy through work).

After field day, we all collapsed into a chair or bed if the head nurse who had the rank of commander and wasn't to be trifled with, would permit it—which wasn't too often.

Sometimes there was other work to be done. In our case, "other work" meant cleaning up the Vietnam ward. That had to be one of the worst parts of the hospital. Combat veterans in all sorts of casts, some missing an eye, an arm or a leg. Some of the most cynical guys you are ever likely to meet. They were always in a bitchy mood, and their ward was like something out of "Catch-22." A pig sty, to put it bluntly. There were plenty of "shit cans" (garbage cans) and "butt trays" around, but everything seemed to end up on the floor. But really—who could blame them?

Sometime between breakfast and lunch, a middle-aged Red Cross nurse or volunteer would make the rounds of the wards. She pushed a hospital cart around which was piled high with "reading material." We had a choice of the Chicago Tribune ("The American newspaper for Americans"), Time magazine or about a hundred comic books. The comic books went like hot

cakes, but the rest of the stuff was hardly touched.

By and large, we had the run of the hospital. There was a TV room just off the ward, and we were usually allowed to go the "geedunk" (a snack bar—the name is supposed to have come from the sound of the pinball machines there), the barber shop (the Navy has a fetish about hair), the bank, etc. We used to swagger around the place as if we owned it. The poor bastards back in the boot camp barracks were lucky if they were permitted to go to the geedunk once a week for a few short hours.

About a week before Christmas, the base command announced that those of us who were judged to be physically fit could go home on two weeks leave for the holidays. Few, if any from our ward went though.

This was the first Christmas away from home for most of the recruits, so to make the whole thing a little less unpleasant and to "keep up morale" (something the Navy is always unsuccessfully trying to do) it was decided to put up decorations in all the wards. We were told the Admiral Himself would be around to inspect and to award prizes to the best ward. Anyone who worked on the decorations would be given a prize. The old carrot and stick approach.

Just before Himself arrived, we were all told to straighten

our bed clothes and sit up to attention in our beds. He came in full-dress blue uniform and had so many medals that he sounded like a medieval knight with spurs. He was surrounded by a host of lesser lights: captains, commanders, doctors and nurses assigned to the ward etc. The Admiral was chaplain, which isn't too uncommon in the Navy. Strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" came to mind. After doing a standard military inspection, he "fraternized with the troops" for a few minutes, then continued on to the other wards.

A few hours later, it was announced that our ward had won the competition and that he was quite pleased with our efforts. Then, the nurses gave out prizes to those who had helped with the decorations: expensive butane gas lighters. They were hot stuff in those days. But where the fuck were the heads of all those doctors and nurses? The idea of giving cigarette lighters to people in a pneumonia ward was ironic to say the least. But there's no point in trying to make sense out of the military.

As it got closer to Christmas, there were frequent visitors, all from "community service" organizations. They always brought along plenty of food and drink, non-alcoholic of course. Everyone looked forward to these visits—anything to relieve the boredom.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Red Cross came around with some contraption which made a 45 rpm recording of your Christmas greetings for the folks back home. We were all encouraged to cut a record, but few did; either we were inhibited or thought it was too corny.

And then there were the old soldiers from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). They never die, they just fade away. They told us how proud they were of the "job" we were doing for Our Country. And of course, they were 100 per-cent behind us—real "dug-out Dougs." Hell, the only "job" any of us had done in our few months in the Navy were those goddamn field days! I wonder if the VFW used the same line in the Vietnam ward... Likely to get their heads knocked in. Those guys didn't take any shit from anyone, especially from men who were still playing soldier and loving it 20 years after the end of The War. Generally, those who talk about The War all the time weren't in the front lines. Ever run into anyone who enjoyed talking about the time he helped liberate a place like Buchenwald? Leaves a bitter taste in the mouth, doesn't it?

All those service people who visited us meant well, certainly. They weren't the type who go home and kick their dog. But then, the road to Hell is paved with good intentions...

Forced prostitution

CALGARY (CUP) — Inflation and the "abysmally low" scale of provincial welfare benefits is forcing more welfare mothers than usual to prostitute themselves in order to provide a "decent holiday" for their children.

A Calgary Herald story last Christmas pointed out that close to a dozen welfare mothers started prostituting themselves at Christmas time.

In an interview with the University of Calgary student newspaper, the Gauntlet, three welfare mothers claim more mothers are prostituting themselves this year and that "more of our friends are seriously considering it as the only real alternative."

The women point to escalating prices of food, clothing and miscellaneous items and the refusal of the welfare department to adjust their allowances to bring them in line with rising inflation.

Welfare allowances haven't been reviewed and upwardly adjusted since last winter.

Allowances for senior citizens, on the other hand, are adjusted on a quarterly basis by the federal government.

Two of the women interviewed started prostituting this week and say they will probably do it for two to three weeks, or until they have enough money to buy their children Christmas presents.

The third says she'll probably start next week and hopes she "can get the bloody thing over with as fast as I can."

The women are from 26 to 42 years old and have three to five children each. All three are divorced and left their husbands for reasons ranging from drunkenness to child and wife beating.

All three women claim they never prostituted before going on welfare, let alone considered it.

One woman said she was appalled when she read The Herald's story last year and said, "I couldn't picture myself ever doing something like that."

"But I'm just tired of seeing my children go without a lot of things other kids take for granted. The welfare department is simply no help."

"It doesn't make any extra provisions at Christmas time for clothing or toys and if you find a part time job, they only allow you to make \$25 a month and the rest is deducted off your welfare cheque."

A second woman claimed she has been prostituting for the past five years at Christmas "and at other times when we've needed extra money."

"If they (welfare department) would just raise the allowances or allow for extra provisions when you need them, like at Christmas, I wouldn't be doing it."

"But all they want to do is keep you dependent and as

soon as you try to make a better living for yourself and your family, they come in and take it away from you or they find some obscure rule you're allegedly breaking and threaten to cut you off welfare."

The third woman said she was "sick and tired of being made to feel like shit by social workers whenever she had to request something and the 'going through all their red tape to get it.'"

"Sure I find prostitution dirty and degrading, but at least it gives my family some financial freedom and my children don't have to go around in hand-me-down clothes and don't have to be dependent on charity hand-outs at Christmas."

"People think we're immoral or just plain sluts. But I think it's more immoral that we can't give our children some of the advantages other children have and I'd like to see how some of those people would react if they were on welfare."



Gazette Xmas fund insulting

The Montreal Gazette established a Christmas Fund seven years ago to "make the festive season a little happier for the unfortunate." In the month of December, the Gazette runs a little sob story every day about an individual family's misery, trying to stab the conscience of Gazette readers, so they'll donate a bit of money to poor families.

The typical family the Gazette picks to write about has at least five children, a serious illness in the family and no breadwinner.

In one story, there were ten children in the family. The five-year-old daughter had open heart surgery when she was two, and the 14-year-old son is epileptic. The husband used to work as a janitor, but the company went bankrupt three years ago, and he's been out of work ever since.

He says it's hard finding a job when you're over 40. The 21-year-old son earns \$75 a week in a factory and contributes all he can to the family's \$320 a month welfare cheque. The 15-year-old daughter quit school this year to do the housework; her mother's recovering from a liver operation.

Although the Gazette never goes into it, the obvious question is how can one family have so much bad luck? While chance does play a role in determining who the miserable in society will be, there are plenty of cold facts that suggest some people in North American society are going to suffer more than their share.

As Jack Siemiatycki's study in the November 21 issue of the Daily showed, families who live

in broken-down neighbourhoods and in unhealthy, crowded conditions are more susceptible to illness. When you're sick, you can't work, and the bills don't get paid. But even if you are healthy and have a job, your wages will be below subsistence level if you're from the working class. The Special Senate Committee on Poverty revealed that 25 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line. Most of the people falling into this category according to the Committee, are gainfully employed and don't receive welfare cheques.

Another recent government study admitted that it's impossible to provide nutritious, well-balanced meals if your only income is a monthly welfare cheque. Working class mothers can't afford an adequate diet, and their children are often weak and prone to illness.

Our society supposedly offers a solution for the children of these families: a university education that will lead to a good job. It's a bitter fact that most working-class children never get near a university. Eighty per cent of college-aged people don't make it to university, and the working-class areas boast the fewest graduates.

Children from these areas don't have an "encouraging home atmosphere" for study. Their education for the most part is irrelevant and a farce. The girl in the Gazette story is a perfect example of a student forced to drop out of school to support her family. The six years it takes to graduate from CEGEP and university, apart from the enormous debt it incurs, prevents a child from

earning money to help to support the family.

The father in the Gazette story was sick with disappointment when his two children left school—he knows that education is the key to social mobility. He doesn't want them to "end up like their father."

He shouldn't blame himself, though—he was up against pretty stiff odds. Your accomplishments in life are pretty limited when there was no other alternative than spending 20 years as a low-paid janitor.

The Gazette, playing the role

of social benefactor, invites its readers to contribute money so the "unfortunate" families have at least one happy day of the year—or maybe their lives.

The people the Gazette write about don't want charity—no one does. Too few of us at McGill have ever been in the position to understand the humiliation and self-defeat charity entails.

The hundreds of people who mail off their \$25 cheques to the Gazette undoubtedly get more satisfaction out of salving their conscience than the recipients.

There are no easy solutions or answers to the inequalities in our society. Maybe a contribution to the Christmas Fund or a buck to the Salvation Army is the best we can do at the moment. But let's not kid ourselves or ease our consciences for the rest of the year. An annual \$25 donation doesn't really change anything for the recipients—it just makes the donor feel better.

Plenty of families will continue to undergo the same hardships until we decide that everyone is entitled to food, shelter, health and education.

Joan Shields

Dickens...

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The lessons Dickens teaches us are fine and upstanding. The poor must learn to accept their position on this earth. Even the Cratchits at their meagre Christmas dinner, have learned that the proper conduct for the poor is to be meek and humble.

The Cratchit children know that the Christmas pudding that their mother has baked is pitifully small but "Everyone had something to say about it, but nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for such a large family. It would have been flat heresy to do so. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing."

With books like this, which fail to face up to reasons for inequalities in society, and suggest meagre reforms like a

"goose" for Christmas, Mr. Dickens can rest assured that his works will be widely read and avidly consumed by the new liberal intelligentsia, we find rising up within our midst.

Meanwhile, run out and buy your copy of this hot little seller, because the first 6,000 copies are selling like hot muffins. You may find yourself unable to buy one of the beautifully coloured copies if you don't hurry because Mr. Dickens apparently wants to take them off the market due to poor financial returns—it seems that the "coloured plates" are expensive. The profits have not been rolling in as fast as expected and Dickens has sworn that this will be his "first and last experience with 'coloured plates'."

Malcolm Guy



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The snow lies on the trees like a cradle and sprays soft and flail when the wind starts. The hill is bare of colours, white up the path where the trees were cleared, an undefined dark colour of pine needles standing stark in the sky. Outside a band of road, guarded by tall trees shading the sunlight, filters in patches where I walk.

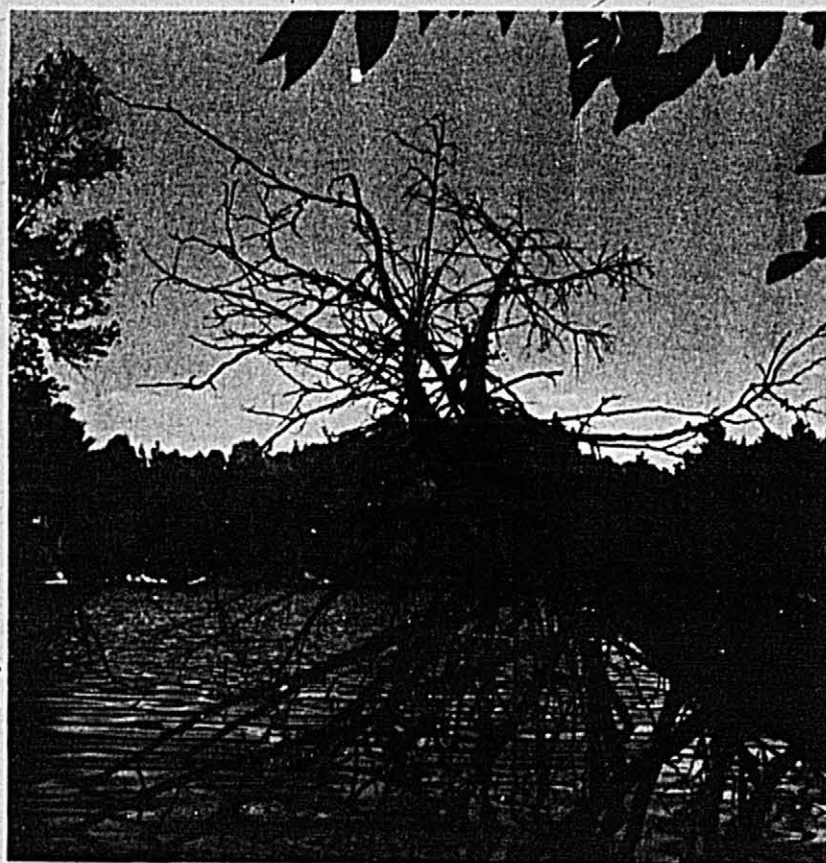
The roofs of the homes are snow-capped, tiny houses on a glacier valley with movement slightly visible. Thick as limbs, the topping stretches warm and clean on the slanted ones, dangerous on the flat where it must be cleared. No fallen roofs here to plunge the heater's hum, maples wide and full stand near where the sunflowers were. Today all is covered, and for a half year when life is placed on a line of various thicknesses and lengths, the sun slants through the pine needles etching the road on its way.

Carol H. Leckner

Field of Weeds

I lay on my back
in a field of weeds
that stretched from here
to the mountains.
A train passed by.
I lifted my hands
against the sky
and looked at them
turning them all ways
wrapping them around each other
like dancers.
I had thought
there were too many lines.
I checked
where I came from
and where I'm going,
so different; some longer,
more and less
ragged,
meeting and not.
Then a train sounded
and I sat up,
but could not see
past the tracks.

Carol H. Leckner



David H. Levy

State of the Union

They wanted to plant a flower garden!
People were all wound up about the garden.
One man ran who was for the garden
And one man ran who was against the garden.
The nation's future is at stake, said both men.
People voted and the man who wanted the garden
Won.

Then they called a committee meeting.
They discussed the problems of the garden.
But who will water the garden, asked they.
And when will the garden be watered.
And what kind of flower will be planted in the garden
And how many flowers will be planted in the garden
And how far apart will the flowers be
And where on the lawn will we plant the garden.
And will all the people be allowed to see the garden
(or shouldn't we save the garden for special visitors.)
They wanted to plant a flower garden.

David H. Levy

Last Room

Elegy for Jette: car crash March 1971

The self-bright sun on a cold April day
Pricks painfully through earth's clouded window
Half-done dusty wordless letter
Lies with old clothes wrinkled on her unmade bed
An empty-bright bulb shows all there is to see

Tell me more! (no not to me) can it happen here?
Life-starved vultures ask our one-eyed glaring god
Babbling sharp-at-seven from the death scene brought
Live from the church in our dying living room

And while from empty chairs we watch the night
Collapse around the long day's horse race
The sun still rules December's last warm room
And the stars and the moons rule too she sees
And no one minds.

David H. Levy

Hatched into Life

Pans, trays and machines
keep you alive, and you
mumble strange awful things
and stare wild-eyed
at people who cry.
You are fetal
and thumb-sucking,
your teeth removed
to prevent their swallowing;
wired and morphined.
How I ache,
knowing you are dying,
like that;
(as though)
with all those machines
you could be
hatched into life.

Carol H. Leckner

Daisies on a whale's back

by David Stryker

The poetry of Carol Leckner, a McGill student working on a thesis preparatory to a career in education, is simple and direct, drawing on Montreal's scenes and the experiences of everyday life for its imagery.

Daisies on a Whale's Back, her first poetry anthology, is a collection of mental wanderings, ranging from momentary fantasies to old memories. The mood is generally quiet and subdued, but occasionally explodes into violence, as Leckner confronts city life, poverty, and the dehumanizing effect of society on the

individual. The poetry of *Daisies on a Whale's Back* often portrays the individual as isolated and helpless in an urban environment, but at the same time it explores the richness of existence, the experiences of human life in their myriad diversity.

Leckner refers to the poems in *Daisies on a Whale's Back* as being more a part of her past than an expression of her thought at the present time. Her recent poetry is more structured and metaphysical in its imagery. By contrast, the work in *Daisies on a Whale's Back* is free form, and often tends to wander. The poems deal with ordinary, day to day life; one depicts a trip to London and the confusion caused by the poet's confrontation with new images in an alien city. Another deals with adolescence, recalling traces of emotion, fears, and preoccupations of another time. Most of the poems are set in

Montreal, catching fragments of the city's panorama and the author's reactions to them.

Daisies on a Whale's Back, a second edition of which is being printed, is available at Classics, Mansfield Book Mart, Double Hook, and other bookstores in the downtown Montreal area.

Wheelchair Sonata

by David Stryker

A surrealistic collection of poems or short stories by McGill professor Valerie Kent, *Wheelchair Sonata*, plunges the reader into a brutal, nightmarish environment. Startling, at times

shocking imagery, disjointed words and sentences contribute to the building up in Kent's prose of a reality that might be a depiction of hell. But despite the surreal texture of the work, it is essentially very concerned with the actual, the real and immediate.

Little Green Flowers, for example, depicts a family in which the mother is dying of cancer. The mother's thinness, the father's despair, the barrenness of their lives, which is reflected in the son's incestuous relationship with his sister, all these images evoke in the reader a sense of horror in the human condition.

The Other Woman compares an illicit love affair to the crushing of a small animal by a snake and thus underlines the predatory nature of human relationships. *Fade Out* involves one of the book's more striking images—a man who, in

the actions of his daily life, is trapped, and is portrayed as imprisoned in a wine bottle; the apparent absurdity of this comparison becomes more meaningful as the story depicts his utter despair and the sense of futility in his struggle for freedom. *O, Sunny California* shows the agony of a pregnant woman. Her loneliness, her horror and sorrow over the mangling of her pet dog, her sense of entrapment, are contrasted in the character of her despicable husband, a degenerate, perverted alcoholic.

The illustrations—photographs set against patterned backgrounds seem to be images of some other era, and reinforce the pervading unsettling character of *Wheelchair Sonata*.



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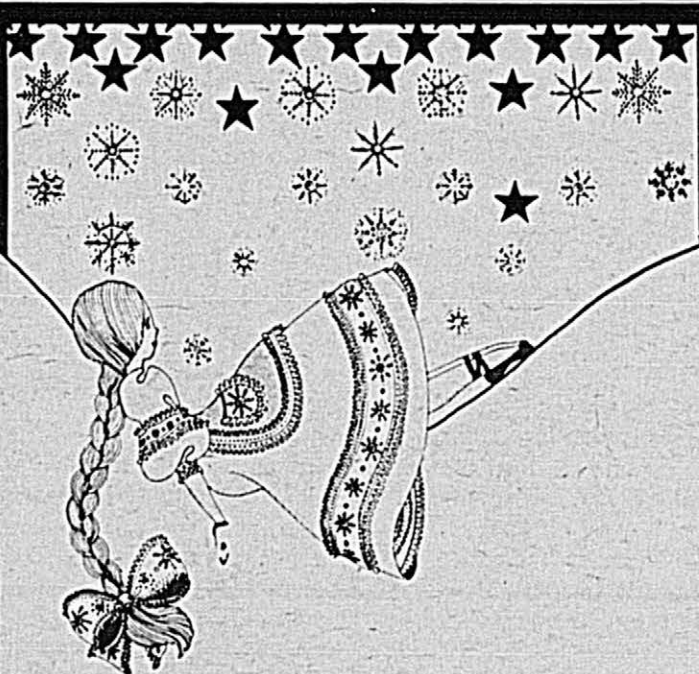
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CAMERA CLUB
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CYAN LINE
The Cyan Line, McGill's literary magazine, is now soliciting poetry, prose, one-act plays and graphics. Drop it off in our box in the porter's office, Arts-Building by February 7, 1975.

WINTER CARNIVAL CONTEST
Last day, Friday 13th, to give us an identity. Drop logo off at the Students' Society office. Workers also needed as soon as possible.

SOUTH-EAST ASIAN STUDENTS' ASSOC.
SEASA Xmas Party, including talent shows, light show, disco-dance, will be held Saturday, December 21 from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. in RVC library, 3425 University Street. General Admission \$1.50.

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Today

East Asian Studies:
Professor Paul Kopp will speak on "Women in Men's Eyes: Women in 18th Century China", Thursday, December 12, 4 p.m., in Department of Fine Arts lecture room in the Arts Building, west wing, top floor.

Ski team meeting:
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Norman Bethune Student Health Organization:
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The Daily formally consists of the editorial board and the staff. The eleven-member editorial board holds the seven editors elected to positions by the staff last year as well as several of the most experienced staff members. Members of the editorial board can be criticized and, if necessary, removed from their position by the staff at any time.

The editorial board decides the general direction of the paper and makes policy decisions.

The role of the staff is to keep a check on the paper by criticizing the direction of the paper and by ratifying or rejecting policy decisions made by the editorial board.

This year, the Daily staff has about forty news reporters, photographers, sports writers, and production people who have made themselves available to do assignments. Regrettably, only about a third of these people attend staff meetings to help determine Daily policy.

An active, critical staff, we realize is vital to a healthy, stimulating paper.

The Daily's final "New Year's resolution" then, is that we will work to increase staff participation next term.

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From our readers

Is there a difference between a Jew and a Zionist?

I was prompted to answer the question "Is there a difference between a Jew and a Zionist?" by a conversation I overheard between two young Jews who could not differentiate between being a Jew and being a Zionist. The answer to the question can only be, "Yes, there is a difference between being a Jew and being a Zionist", since there are many Gentiles, such as Balfour, Mark and Christopher Sykes, Harry Truman, Lloyd George, Henry Jackson, etc. who are Zionists and many Jews who are not Zionists, the most famous of whom is the father of Uri Menahem. Thus the two categories "Jew" and "Zionist" might overlap but, in fact, are not identical.

In essence, a Jew has certain religious beliefs, some similar and some different from the religious beliefs of a Christian or of a Muslim. By contrast, a Zionist maintains that the Jews, as Jews, have the right to an exclusive political structure on the land of Zion, or what was known as Palestine before 1948.

To clarify the distinctions between being Jewish and being Zionist, it is necessary to destroy the myths with which Zionists have surrounded Judaism, anti-Semitism, and the anti-Zionist struggle of the Palestinian Arab people. But in the course of doing this it is necessary to discard those myths which anti-Zionists (including those on the radical left) have constructed. It is not true that had it not been for Zionist propaganda America would have opened its doors to the refugees fleeing Hitler's Europe rather than support the establishment of the Israeli state as their refuge. It is oversimplistic and a misrepresentation of fact to state that Zionists conspired with the Nazis and anti-Semites to keep US immigration quotas low in order to force a confrontation over Palestine, although one can find convenient quotations or incidents implicating a few Zionists in such collaboration. The point is that the American press and Congress are pro-Zionist because they are imperialist and racist, and not the other way around.

Although the Zionist takeover of Jewish consciousness came under the impact of the news of what Hitler was doing to the Jews, there existed, no doubt, what might be termed a predisposition to Zionism which had several factors, of which is the collective memory of persecution. This collective memory was reinforced by the traditional ties to the Holy Land. Finally, this predisposition was reinforced by the most crucial factor: anti-Semitism.

Even before the rise of Hitler, there was just enough anti-Semitism alive in the US to produce an uneasiness in the

Jew, even while he was steadily climbing the social and economic ladder. Anti-Semitism did not, however, mean anti-Zionism; there had always been Gentile support for the Zionist cause. That support was what enabled the passage by Congress in 1922 of a resolution declaring "that the United States of America favours the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people . . ."

What happened in the 1930s to activate this predisposition to Zionism on the part of the American Jewish community was the combined impact of the refugee problem created by the Nazi policies, first in Germany, and then in central Europe, and the racist immigration restrictions that had been enacted in 1924.

At least up until the entry of the US into the war, in Dec. 1941, there was almost no public outcry against the government's policy toward refugees. Many anti-Zionists have asserted that this silence is explained by the callousness of the Zionist organizations who cynically conspired to use Hitler's victims as a wedge in their drive to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. There were those amongst the Zionist, Jews and Gentiles, who voiced and acted upon such a strategy; but it is an erroneous explanation which ignores the operation of the forces of history.

In her 1945 essay, "Zionism Reconsidered", Hannah Arendt pointed out the danger "If Zionism in the official sense of the term were to get hold of American Jews". That is, if American Jews took Zionism literally, they would have to immigrate en masse to Palestine, and the old question of double loyalty would emerge again, but in a more violent form, because of the multi-national structure of the US. Arendt went on to point out that this problem would be solved for the American Zionist if the US could be persuaded to take on the interest and power that the British had held in the Middle East. For then, she said, "If Palestine Jewry would be charged with a share in the caretaking of American interests in that part of the world, the famous dictum of Justice Brandeis would indeed come true: you would have to be a Zionist in order to be a perfect American patriot."

The period immediately after the War gave rise to another myth, subscribed to by Zionists and anti-Zionists alike: the Jewish vote. In fact, the concept of a Jewish vote was a result, not a cause, of the endorsement of Zionism by both major parties. Zionism now more than ever was not a Jewish phenomenon.

Leaders of all major American institutions: trade unions, colleges, universities, Protestant and Catholic church bodies, state and local governments, the courts, and the US Congress had rallied to the cause. Who was there who would stand up and say that the Jewish question would not be solved by creating a separate state in Palestine for the Jews? They were certainly not to be found on the left, listening to Moscow which for its own reasons was supporting Zionist demands. Liberals saw no contradiction between support for social reform at home and a Jewish state in Palestine.

Between 1945 and 1967 Americans as private citizens (not all of them Jews) sent one billion, five hundred million dollars (non-inflated) in contributions to Israel. But, as Hannah Arendt had predicted, the American Jewish community were Zionized so that for almost all American Jews Zionism became an integral part of Jewish identity. But Israeli interest did not primarily determine the political behavior of American Jews during this period as borne out by the results of the presidential elections of 1956, which occurred immediately following Eisenhower's decidedly anti-Israeli stand on the Suez invasion. The Democratic candidate received no larger a proportion of "Jewish" votes than was expected on the basis of past voting patterns.

In 1967, there occurred a crisis for American Jewry psychologically equal to the crisis created by Hitler; the June War. 1967 was the height of the "another holocaust" syndrome for the American Jewish community, and simultaneously, of the idea of the "super-Jewish" warrior or hero. American Jewish identification with Zionism is facilitated by the enthusiasm of the American state for Israeli victory and political hegemony in the Middle East. In fact, Jewish-Zionist pressure is a useful tool for an American administration to explain policies that would otherwise be understandable only in terms of neo-imperialism. There is little evidence that either Zionist or Jewish votes could pressure for policies that were not seen by US policy-makers to be in US strategic and economic interests.

Although it is impossible to make categorical predictions, a polarization is seen emerging within the younger generation of the American Jewish community. Some young Jews have begun a vocal and active search for a new political identity; growing out of their alienation from the American dream and the policies of the American state. This

phenomenon had not gone unnoticed in the Zionist establishment which has exhibited an amazing insensitivity to the soul-searching of these young people. Young Jews are accused by their elders of "self-hatred" because they choose to identify with the struggles of oppressed peoples rather than concern themselves exclusively with the fate of Israel.

For some progressive Jews, alienation from the Zionist-Jewish establishment takes the form of a search for a new radical and religious identity in the Diaspora. There is no reason to think that current stress on "ethnicity" among young leftists in the US, especially whites, represents any kind of long-range alternative political direction.

A second response to alienation is the phenomenon of the Jewish Defense League. The Zionist chauvinism of the JDL represents the old and tragic pattern of racist antagonism. Another response has been the so-called "radical" Zionism, which is characterized by the rejection of the policies of both the American and the Israeli ruling establishments, an articulated willingness to listen (at least) to Palestinian Arab claims, accompanied by the insistence that Zionism is in actuality the "national liberation movement of the Jewish people".

Sharon Rose presents the thesis that the only real solution to the Jewish question — that is, to the problem of anti-Semitism — will lie in the building of a new secular socialist society. Anti-Semitism is a form of racism, and the only way to eliminate racism is to eliminate all forms of exploitation. The fight against anti-Semitism can be carried out first and foremost by being absolutely clear about the difference between anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, between Judaism and Zionism, which have not been and should not be considered synonymous.

Only in the light of these distinctions between Zionism and Judaism will American Jews be able to understand Arafat's speech at the United Nations,

... since its inception, our revolution was not motivated by racial or religious factors. Its target was never the Jew as a person but racist Zionism. . . . In this sense ours is also a revolution for the Jew as a human being as well. We are struggling so that Jews, Christians, and Muslims may live in equality, enjoying the same rights and assuming the same duties, free from racial or religious discrimination.

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Sports

Sports

Women's sports roundup

by Ivy Steinberg

Extramurals

McGill's Intercollegiate teams participate in both Quebec and Ontario University Athletic Associations (QUAA & OWIAA). The reason being that McGill has teams in sports which the QUAA doesn't sanction.

Opening the intercollegiate season were the two field hockey teams, senior and intermediate. Many evenings these girls were noticed running around the track in Molson Stadium where they enthusiastically practised their skills. This eventually led to a fourth place finish for both teams against some strong opposition. Congratulations go to Jan Meyer, Jo Fiske, & all their players for a successful season.

All other sports have been started and continue their schedules after the holidays. Having lost four of its first string, the basketball team is working hard and keenly to make up for the lack of experience. Although they have

not done as well as last year, they are enjoying themselves just as much if not more. They are all "putting out" and thus have learnt a tremendous amount so far. (That's what it's all about isn't it??)

Our fencers have taken part in three tournaments thus far and have done very nicely. We expect they will keep their foils foiling the opponents in their tournaments next term.

The volleyball team has shown tremendous potential as almost the whole team will be together for a couple of years. They swept the Loyola Invitational and tied for second in a tremendous showing at the first league tournament. Before the second league tournament, the girls are lucky enough to be going to a 12 team tournament at Waterloo in which some of the best teams in the nation will be competing.

Our swimmers and divers have cut the water without a ripple finishing first overall in swimming and second in diving at the McGill Invitational. Things look promising for the second half of the year.

That brings us to the last but not least extramural sport, ice-hockey. The team has won and lost one. A very heavy schedule awaits them after exams as they play six games in 14 days. They have a very good chance to repeat as league champions but will need to solve their internal problems first.

Good luck to all the squads in the remainder of the season.

INTRAMURALS

The Intramural program has been very successful amongst those who participated. The emphasis is on having fun and not on winning so for all you girls who have yet to try Intramurals, it is not too late. There is a full program planned for next term.

The program began in early October as five girls headed to Ile Bizard to hit and follow a little white ball around five miles of rolling hills amidst winds and temperatures more common to winter than fall. Everyone enjoyed the outing and perhaps we'll see more of this breed next fall.

The jogging marathon was a

smashing success as 75 people partook in chasing themselves around the track. They asked for a longer period of time than the three weeks allotted.

Soccer's only problem was one of a miscalculation of when the sun sets. The girls were enthusiastic even if in the dark for most games.

Flag football was a new innovation for McGill girls and was accepted with open arms and bent fingers, (trying to catch the football).

Volleyball had some very exciting matches between the two Education teams plus a near upset by residences one evening. Shouts of laughter could be heard every Tuesday evening as everyone had fun trying to serve and spike. At the moment Ice Hockey, Table Tennis and Squash are still in progress.

Next term starts with basketball, (sign-up sheets are up now) Team Handball, Cosom Hockey & Clinic, Softball Clinic and a swimming marathon. There's something for everyone

so come on up to the gym and join the fun.

COMMENT:

As the holiday season comes upon us one tries to remember the spirit involved. One thinks of how World Wars are stopped on Christmas day in the name of peace and worldly togetherness, one thinks of the English translation to the word Chanukah-Dedication, and one realizes that nothing can be accomplished without the two of them together.

What has all this to do with Women's Athletics you might ask. Quite a bit. Too many varsity players are extremely self-centered. They have made a commitment to a team but many of the Super Squaws have little dedication and team spirit. Perhaps it has slipped their mind that a team must pull for one another, and you must work for yourself and the team. It would certainly do some players good to think about this over the holidays. Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah to all.

McGill edges Plattsburg

Swim meet

On Friday December 6 McGill convincingly swam to a 69-46 victory over Plattsburg State University Centre. Here follows the individual results:

1. McGill won the medley as Carla Young, Wong H Tso, Susan Boyd and Anne Summers edged out the Plattsburg team.
2. Vango Smith (McGill) won the 200 freestyle.
3. Linda Whitecomb (Plattsburg) won the 200 individual medley.
4. Carla Young (M) won the 50 backstroke.
5. Joanna Blundell (M) took the 50 breast over Sally Cassells (M).
6. In the 50 free it was Karen Clancy (P).
7. Anne Summers continued her winning ways with a victory in the 50 butterfly and the 100 freestyle.
8. Melinda Whitecomb had a second victory in the 100 butterfly.
9. Peg Delaney and Carla Young both of McGill finished one-two in the 100 backstroke.
10. Plattsburg took the 400 freestyle on the efforts of Donna Deucher.



10. Wong Hing Tso took the 100 breast for McGill.
11. To end it all off McGill's team of Summers, Young, Smith and Delaney touched out the Plattsburg team in the 200 free relay.
12. In the diving event from 1 meter, Alice Jefferies of McGill won a hard battle over two Plattsburg girls.

Win on Saturday

Pucksters gain tie

by Bob Lutes

The McGill hockey team came from behind to tie the powerful Loyola Warriors Friday night, 4-4. Loyola scored the first three goals of the game, but two goals by the Redmen in the third period brought them even with the Warriors.

Things started out badly for McGill. Someone had apparently skated on the national anthem record, so the fans listened to a rather distorted and abridged edition of "O Canada." The Redmen suffered a temporary physical lapse following this humiliating event, and after 44 seconds of play Loyola scored. Ed Burton blocked the initial shot, but Mike Culleton put the rebound home. Then at 10:05 Loyola netted their second. Jean Millette stopped a breakaway bid, but the trailing man was left uncovered and he was able to put the rebound behind Millette. Five minutes later sustained pressure resulted in Doug Grills scoring Loyola's third goal. However, following this goal the Redmen started playing better and at 18:09 Steve Mitchell converted a pass from Ron Perowne into a powerplay goal, and the period ended at 3-1.

Millette excelled during the second period, as each team netted one, despite the fact that Loyola outshot McGill 13-4.



Dave Brandt put in a Ron Perowne rebound at 8:33, for McGill's second powerplay goal of the evening. Midway through the second period Millette was called upon to make an excellent save, and McGill countered by pressuring Loyola. But the Warriors' Mike Haramis came back to make the score 4-2.

Saved best for last

The third period was McGill's best. At 6:03 Bob O'Reilly scored while Loyola was serving a holding penalty. Loyola's goaltender tried to tie up the puck, but O'Reilly poked it in. Excellent playing by Bertrand Hould and Mike Hayes gave the Redmen some great scoring

opportunities, but neither was able to put in the tying goal. However, at 17:06 Graham MacLachlan turned around a Loyola threat as he fired a slapshot past Loyola's goalie to give McGill the equalizer.

Saturday evening McGill travelled to Bishop's University and Dave Brandt's two short-handed goals led the Redmen to a 7-4 victory. Two goals by Graham MacLachlan and tallies by Ron Perowne, Bob Vrolyk, and Bertrand Hould rounded out the scoring. The win was McGill's final game before the Christmas Vacation. Their first game of the second semester will be against Bishop's at the Winter Stadium on January 18.

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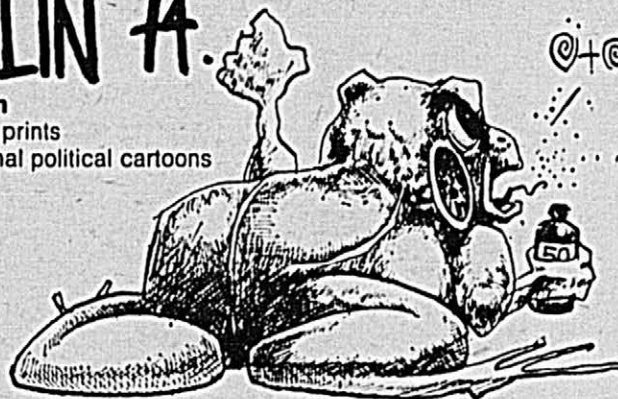
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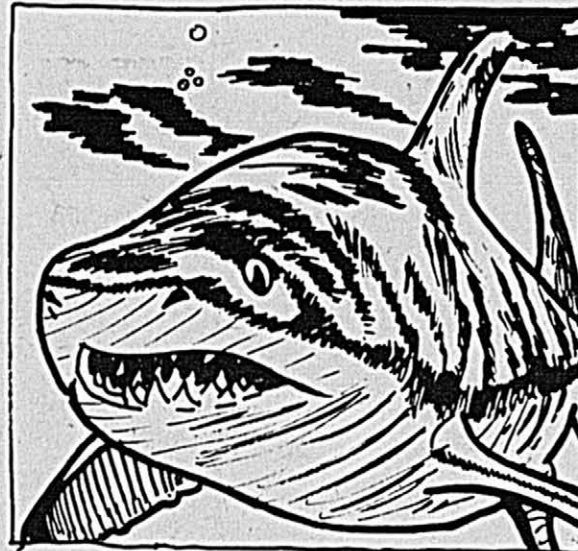


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Intramural pucking

by Zeb Cohen

Amid a flurry of activity Intramural Open League "B" completed the first half of its twenty-eight game schedule with six of the eight teams jockeying for playoff positions. Although the Intramural League office could provide no standings, the unofficial word is if the present trend continues the Jocks, Neanderthals and Les Carabiniers will be contending for the top spot; The Panthers, Sharks and Degradables will be vying for the fourth and last berth; and Team Music and The Stanley Steamers will battle for the dubious honor of being acclaimed the worst team in the league. Regrettably, scoring statistics were unavailable as well but it is common knowledge that the three teams with the best records have displayed awesome firepower, tight defences, account for all the top scores and the most brilliant goaltenders.

This pattern was illustrated in the best of last week's three contests, which featured Les Carabiniers trouncing the lowly Stanley Steamers, 6-3. Both teams were smarting from agonizing defeats in their previous outings, the Steamers having been shellacked 11-0 (contemplate that with your holiday brew) and Les Carabiniers shaven 5-4. The defeat of Les Carabiniers in particular had prompted management to make some strategic changes—shifting two of the defencemen up front to bolster the attack and threatening fines if the

other blueliners ventured too deeply into the opposition zone. The move seemed to have been successful.

Up up and away

As usual, Les Carabiniers came out flying. For almost five minutes they contained the Steamers in their own end, who manifested an inextraordinary inability to skate, check or pass. Miraculously Les Carabiniers did not get on the scoreboard until late in that sequence of plays when the gangling Pat "Honours in Basketweaving" Carson converted a pass from the Brothers Dilembo to poke one past the Steamer goalie, who theretofore had been the difference. The teams traded goals thrice before the end of the half, with Carson notching a second and Mike, the tall feller on defence, threading the needle from the point.

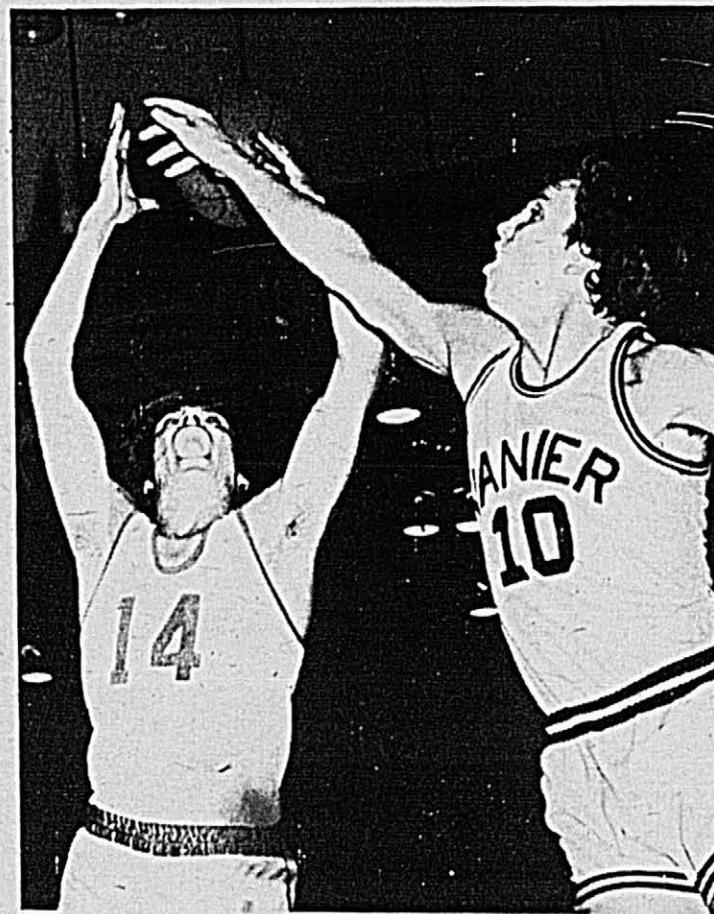
Moments after the commencement of the second half it appeared that the Steamers had given up hope and were content to settle for a tie. Such hopes were shattered however when their jovial goalie seems to exchange his skates for black boots, his sweater for a red overcoat and his stick for a rather large sack. Yes, Virginia, there really is a Santa Claus and on this snowy afternoon he played goaltender for the Stanley Steamers and magnanimously gave away many fine gifts.

Like the one to Michael "Esquire" Lord, who tallied on a shot ole Saint-Nick juggled, dropped and cried, "Oh

no-no-no!" Or the one to Jeff "Play me or trade me" Kory which wafted in the net much like a frisbee. Or if that's not enough, the pass from Michel Zelnick on the point, destined to be deflected, which bounced three times in front of the goalie before he fanned on it. Nonetheless, through it all there he was, exhorting his players, "On Dancer, on Prancer, on..."

As the players skated off the ice, thus marking the conclusion of the first half of the season, the attitude of Les Carabiniers was perhaps best articulated by the heart of the team, Oleg Zadorozny. As the hard-driving winger sat propped up against the wall in the dressing room, peeling off his moist equipment, he remarked, "Another day, another victory."

Intramural Interlocutions: For the first time in four games a referee and TWO linesmen (count them) appeared for the game. Congratulations to the League Office...Rumor has it, though unconfirmed, that Team Music has scored a goal...Violence is on the rise in the league this year, according to Fred Fan, who has yet to miss a game...A request has been made to the League that sweaters be washed and dried at least once a month...Observers say injuries to and defections from the Sharks may cause them to lose their bite in the second half...Les Carabiniers Xmas Pilgrimage: The Tavern, December 23, 8:00. Hear that, Dilembos, Mike, Stanimir and Esquire?



Harold Rosenberg

Ralph Ludwig [14] typifies the aggressive style of play the Redmen basketballers have exhibited this year. Their four victories against only one defeat indicates that, although the team lacks any height advantage, their enthusiasm and hustle is surprising many observers who counted the team out at the season's outset.

More curling

by Mystery Med

As you all might have read in the Godfather's column, it was an overall success for McGill curlers in the Grand Match last Saturday, comprising of fiery triumph for some, heartbreaking defeat for others, and humiliating and downright shameful shellacking for the rest.

As my job of supplemental curling reporter takes me to several of the games, I decided to mozy on down to Montreal West to get some notes on the ever exciting Oleg Zadorozny rink on their continuing mercurial rise to the pinnacle of curling cynosure.

Fine effort

Once again the team put on a fine display of its immense prowess in its 10-7 conquest. They maintained a stranglehold on the control of the contest, and exhibited once again the ice cold poise that has made them legendary.

Instead of reciting the usual postgame rehash of the happenings on the ice, let me instead replay a taped interview I held with our boys at the conclusion of the match.

Daily: I'm speaking now to enigmatic skip Oleg Zadorozny, mentor and guiding light of the team. Tell me, many critics have found fault with your play, describing it as hot and cold. For example, in the first of your last three games, you curled at 95% efficiency and won by a wide margin. In the second game you plummeted to 15% and were clobbered. Today

(Saturday), however, you shot back up to 85% including some phenomenal plays. Please explain to my readers how on some days you can play as flawlessly as a Don Duguid, but on others resemble a Cranston Snord?

Oleg: Well, Mr. Med...

Daily: You can call me Mystery, Oleg.

Oleg: Well, Mystery, I...I...I just don't know what to say.

Daily: Thank you for those insightful words, which I'm sure will be of immense help to all those floundering skips in newspaper land out there.

Now, I'd like to move on to third Richard "Bulldog" Bowser so nicknamed by friend and foe alike for his steady, brand of tenacious play.

Bulldog...er, do you mind if I call you that?

Richard: No, go ahead Mystery, everyone else does!

Daily: Thanks, Richard. Now let me ask braincase second Malcolm McLeod this burning query: Why do you carry a matching tartan equipment bag and broom case?

Malcolm: Uh, because I think it goes well with my glasses. Why, don't you like it?

Daily: Oh, sure, sure. Finally, let me ask perceptive lead Michel Zelnick how he feels coming off a three year absence from the game with the roaring success he had today. Just how, uh, just how does, uh,

ah, what's the use!

Michel: That's the trouble with being the lead, nobody ever wants to ask you anything...

Curlers fare well

by the Godfather

Mike "Shot Rock" Cohen and Oleg Zadorozny both came up winners in the Grand Match, played last weekend. Unfortunately, when the final aggregate score is tallied, it won't be enough, as Bob Macdonald and Steve "Soon to be Roast Duck" Ducat were losers.

Mike Cohen's victory over Lachine was by an impressive 16-2 score. It was 1-1 after three ends when Mike realized that the heavy takedown game was not going to work, so, he changed to a draw and tap-back game, and it paid off very quickly. McGill scored three in the fourth, and proceeded to score at will until the ninth when Lachine finally tallied their second point. Our sweeping was superior, and that allowed us to execute the finesse shots which Lachine just couldn't match.

Mike's team had a lineup change, due to the departure of Gren Schoch to Caledonia. Stewart Cohen moved to second, and Wayne Tunis, third on last year's QUAA squad, joined the rink. Richard Dubois remained at lead. Obviously,

this combination worked very well.

Oleg Zadorozny scored an impressive 10-7 victory over Montreal West. Oleg and his Daily draw artists came through with a steady performance against good opposition.

Bob Macdonald lost a tight one to Wentworth by an 8-7 score. The same inconsistencies in draw weight plagued the rink in this game, as it did during the Colts. There is a great need for more practice time for these guys, as well as for the rest of the Club members, but ice is very hard to obtain, so those who aren't members of other clubs suffer the consequences. Despite this, the rink gave a courageous performance, and their close score left McGill with an aggregate score of 33 for and 17 against, for a 66 per cent average. All we needed at this point was a reasonably close game from Steve Ducat. It was not to be.

I called TMR after finding out the other three scores. After hearing the result, I contacted the Duck. In an exclusive, relaxed, and unpressured interview with this reporter (he could

either talk to me, or my tailor), Steve tried to explain his 16-3 loss to St. Laurent.

"Well, you see, it was like this..."

Thank you, Duck.

Actually, the only thing he can be faulted for is his lineup, which found him one man short. Don Smith, a relative newcomer, was forced to throw four shots an end, and the team had only one sweeper. It might have been a better idea to have third, Doug Clifford, change places with Don. Thataway, the more experienced Doug would be throwing those four crucial shots every end, and so take some pressure off Don and Steve.

This left McGill with an aggregate score of 36 for and 33 against, for a 53 per cent average, enough for the top 10, but probably not enough to win.

SHOT ROCKS:... For next week's schedule, check with Richard... the dates for the Queen's invitational Mixed are from Jan. 10-12... If interested, contact either Richard or Mike Cohen... Merry Xmas, Happy Chanukah, and all that other stuff#"/\$%9)(*+..

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Feb. 8	DAY OF THE JACKAL
Feb. 15	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
Feb.	PAPILLON
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March 5	LES BICHES (9:30 p.m.)
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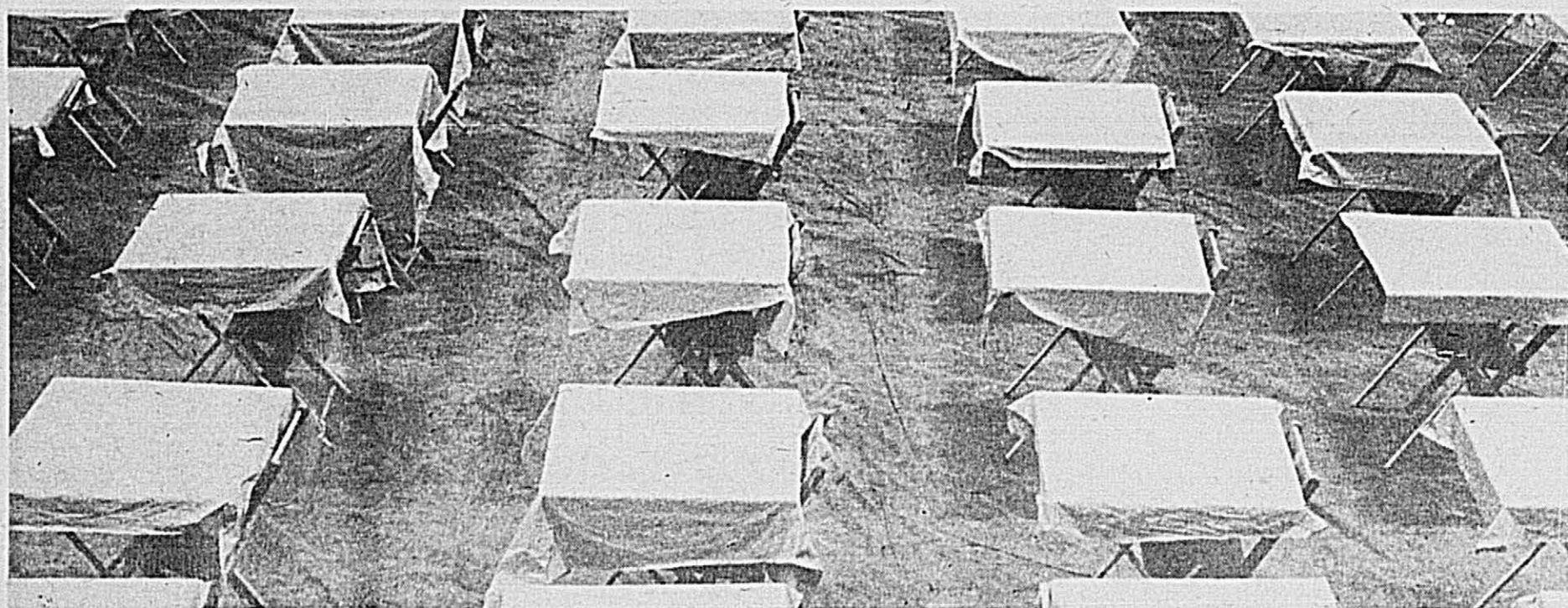
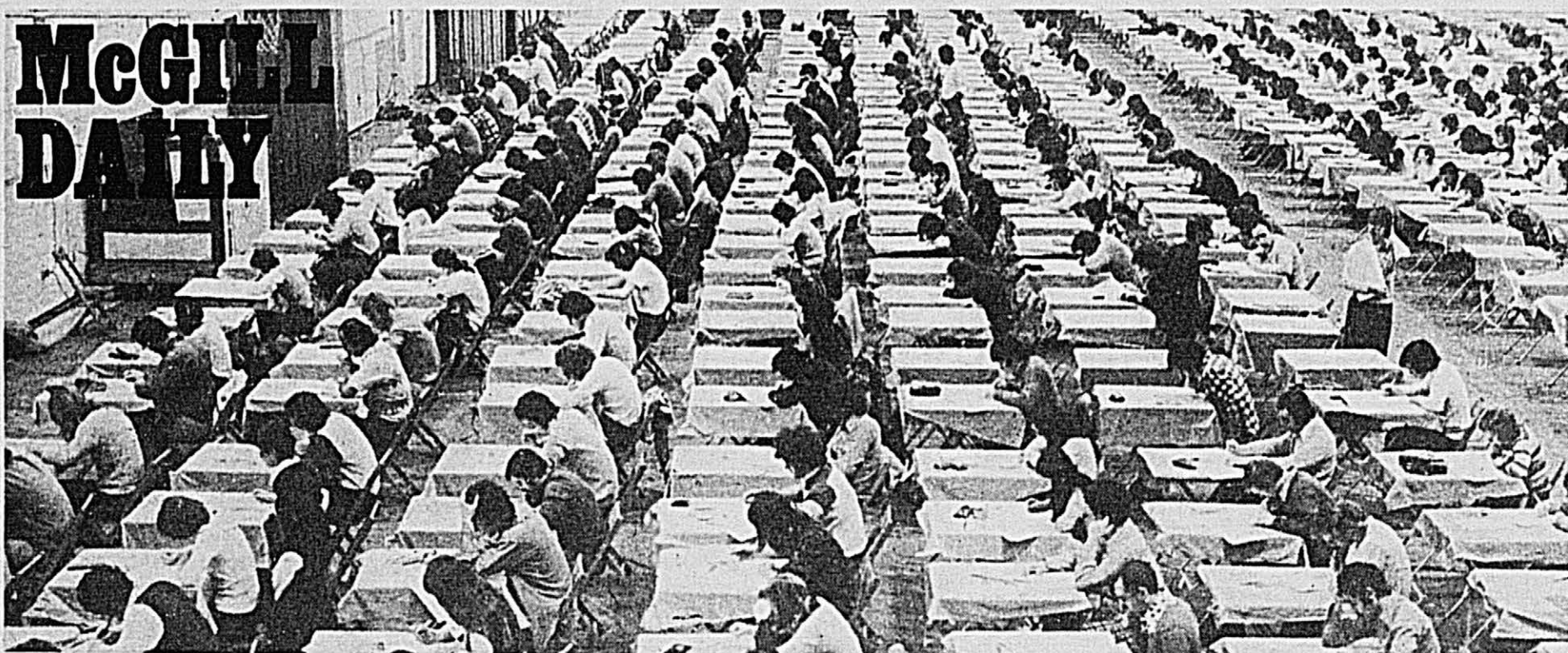
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Paul Miller

Education prof challenges firing

by Andrew Plank

A controversy has arisen in the education faculty over the firing of professor Howard Woodhouse whose contract was terminated after the recent budget cutbacks in that faculty.

Dean of Education C. Wayne Hall yesterday informed Woodhouse that his "notice of termination of contract is to stand." This comes despite Monday's Board of Governors decision to accept a Senate resolution to reappoint for one more year a number of professors fired "for budgetary reasons."

Hall has maintained that the Senate resolution does not

cover Woodhouse's case because his salary does not come from the faculty's base budget. Woodhouse had been hired to replace a professor on a two-year sabbatical leave and is paid from a special sabbatical budget.

The Senate resolution passed December 11 refers to termination of contracts for "budgetary reasons" without ever referring to any specific budgets.

On Monday, a faculty meeting unanimously passed a resolution addressed to the Board of Governors (B of G) demanding that it consider Senate's resolution applicable to all university budgets,

including the sabbatical budget. The meeting had been called after 16 professors petitioned the dean's decision to cancel the meeting because he claimed there was "no business" to be conducted.

Principal Robert Bell refused to say yesterday whether the faculty's resolution was presented at Monday's B of G meeting, most of which was held in closed session.

Hall's latest letter to Woodhouse, dated January 21 only says, "...I have been told that (the board) did not consider that the notice of non-renewal of contract which you received in December was to be reviewed in

their debate on the Senate resolution concerning dismissal of staff for budgetary reasons."

Bell said yesterday that he did not know why Woodhouse's contract had been terminated. He added that he was not willing to comment on Woodhouse's private business to a newspaper.

On receiving the latest letter from Dean Hall, Woodhouse said, "The Dean, by sending me this letter, is going against the unanimous decision of the faculty at Monday's meeting and is thereby promoting a confrontation between faculty and administration."

Many professors at that meeting deplored the way budget cuts were being implemented without consulting faculty members. They discussed the need for more staff involvement in deciding the general direction of faculty planning, and in determining the results of budget cuts.

Woodhouse said, "It's not so much that one doubts the honesty of some administrators, but it's the method by which decisions are arrived at, namely without the participation of the faculty and, in the case of the present budget cuts, even without the participation of departmental chairmen."

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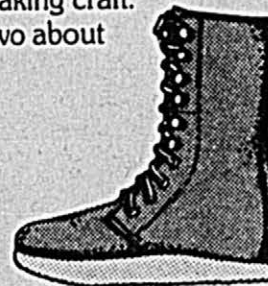
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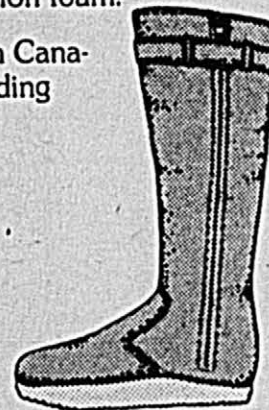
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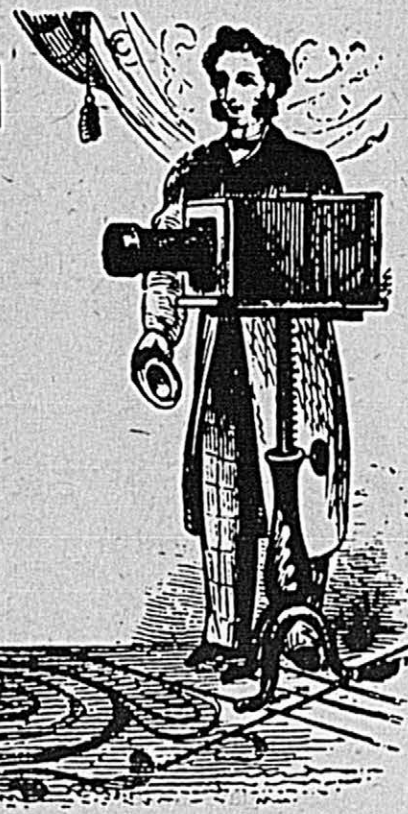
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